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# SPICE & WINE

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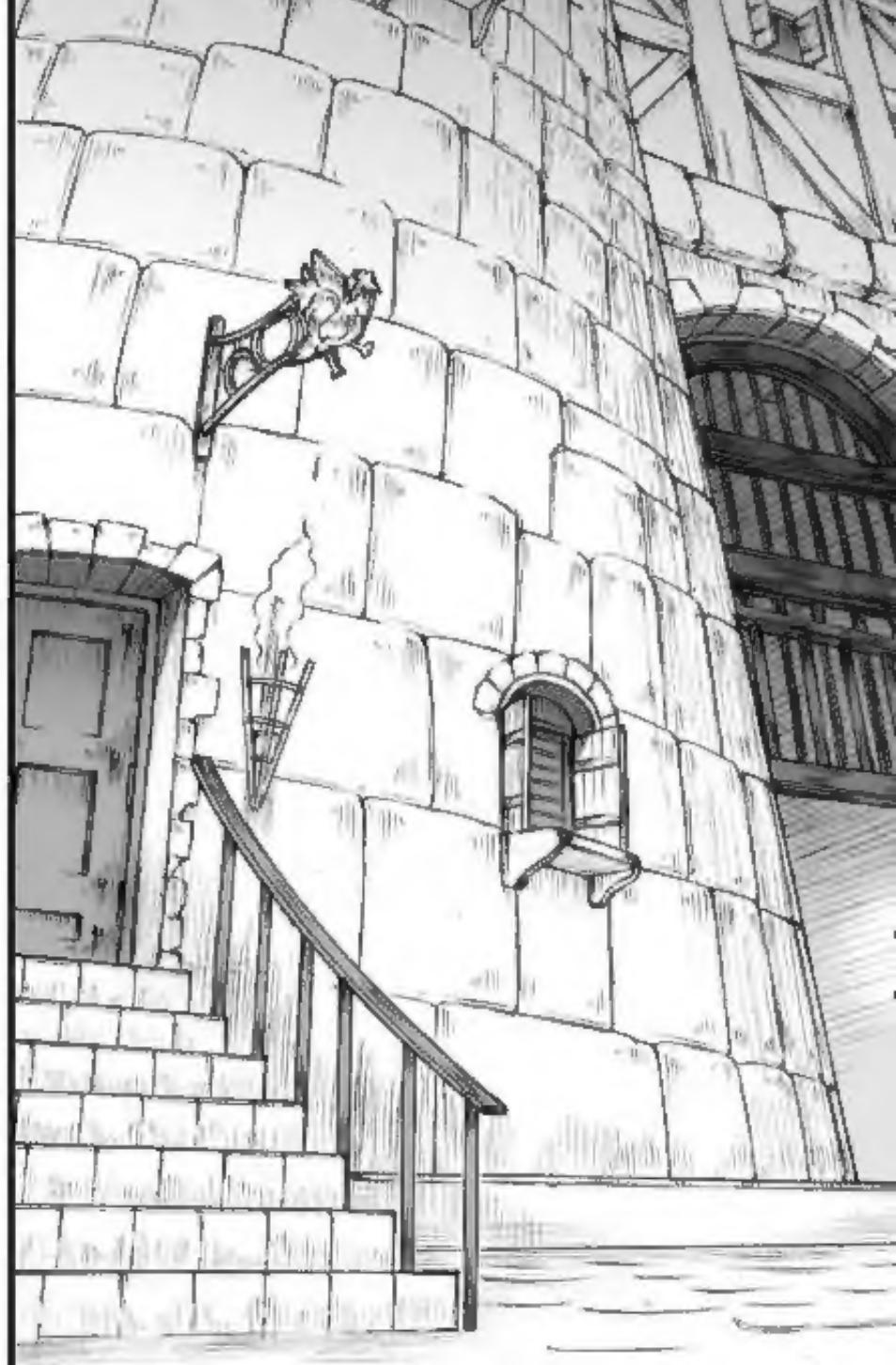
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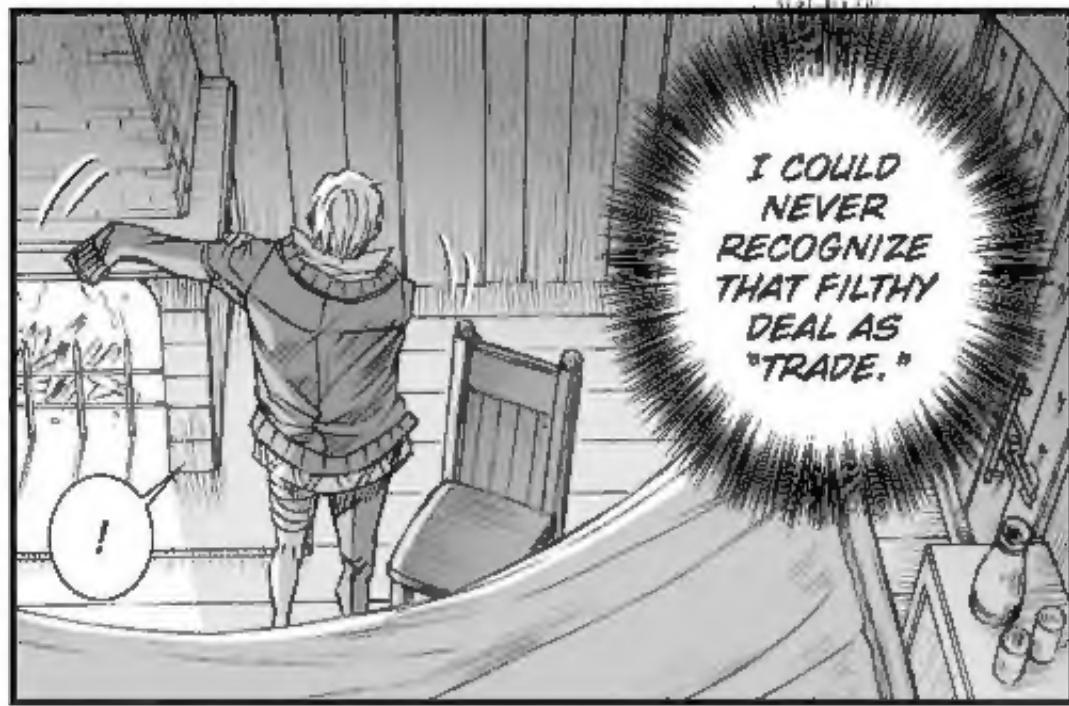
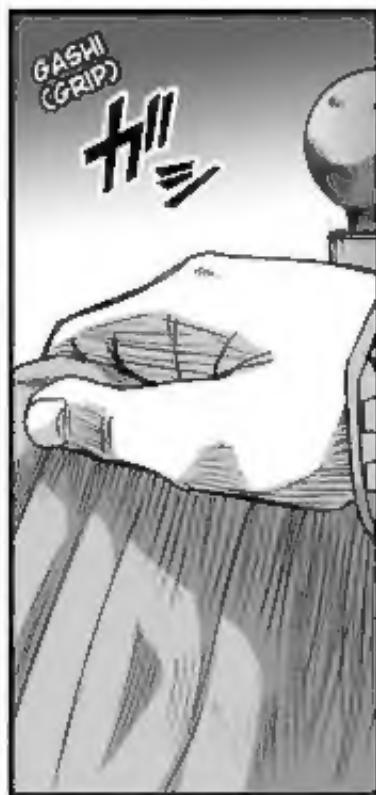


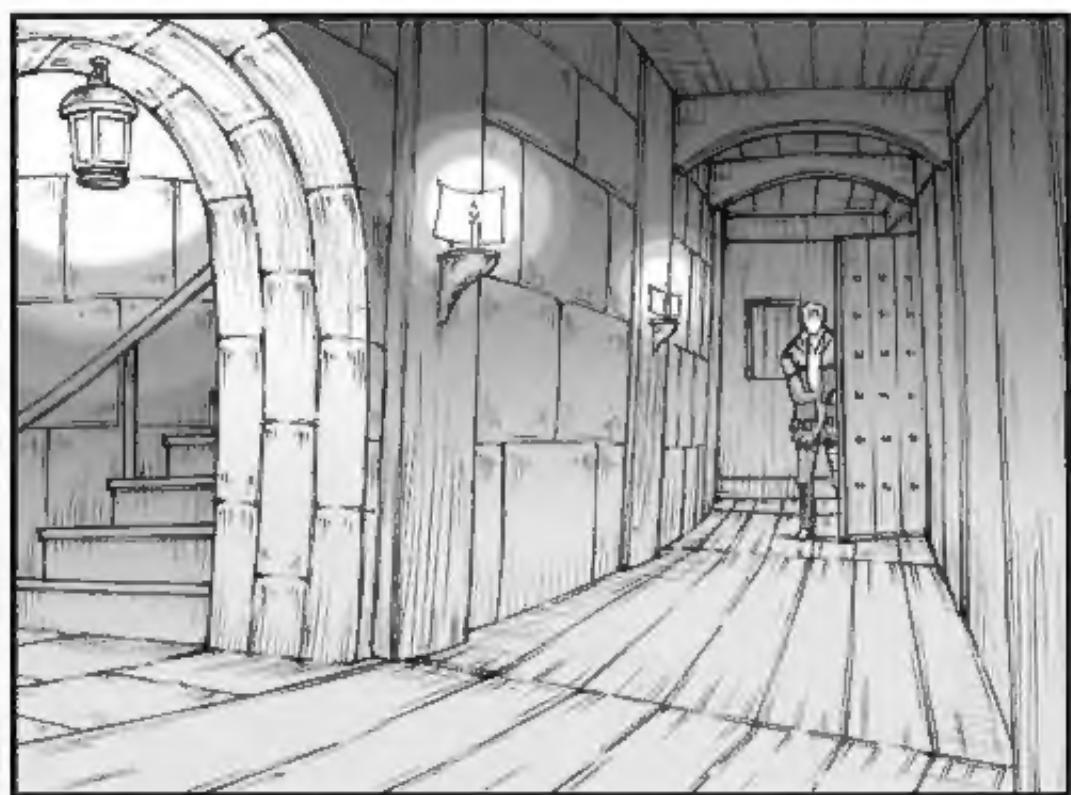






IT'S  
ALWAYS  
LIKE THIS  
WHEN MY  
LIFE'S IN  
DANGER.





THE RADICALS IN THE DEBALI COMPANY WERE LIKE A MONOLITH. THE PREMISE FOR HILDE'S CHOICE HAD CRUMBLED BENEATH HIM.



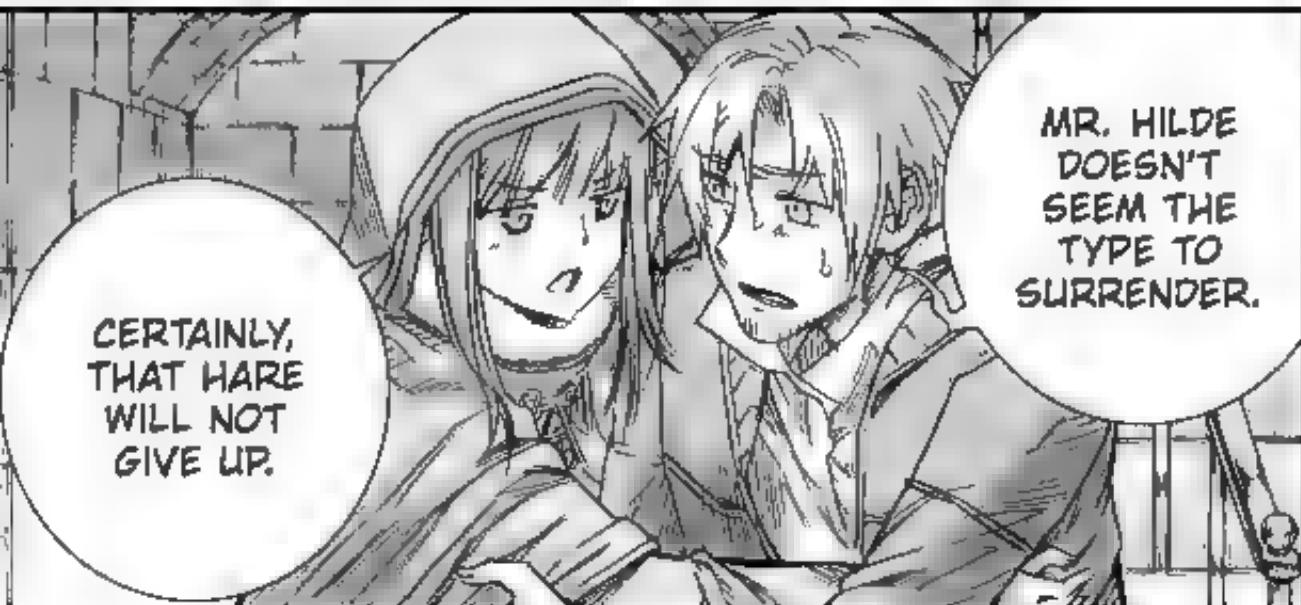


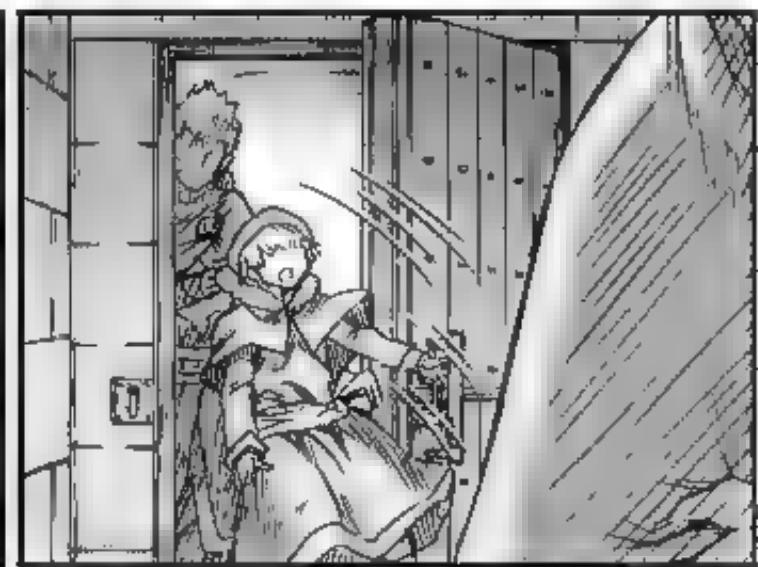
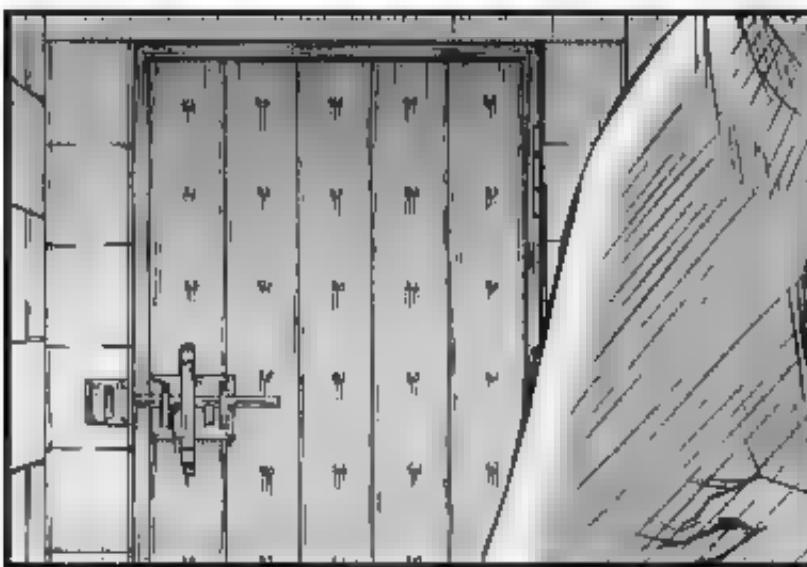


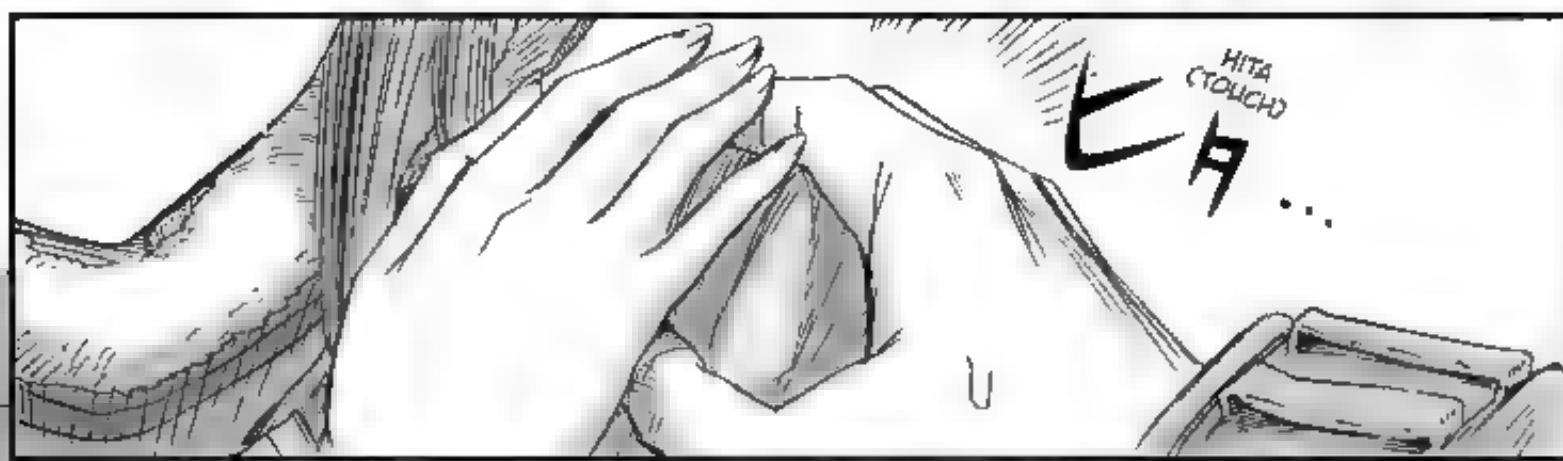


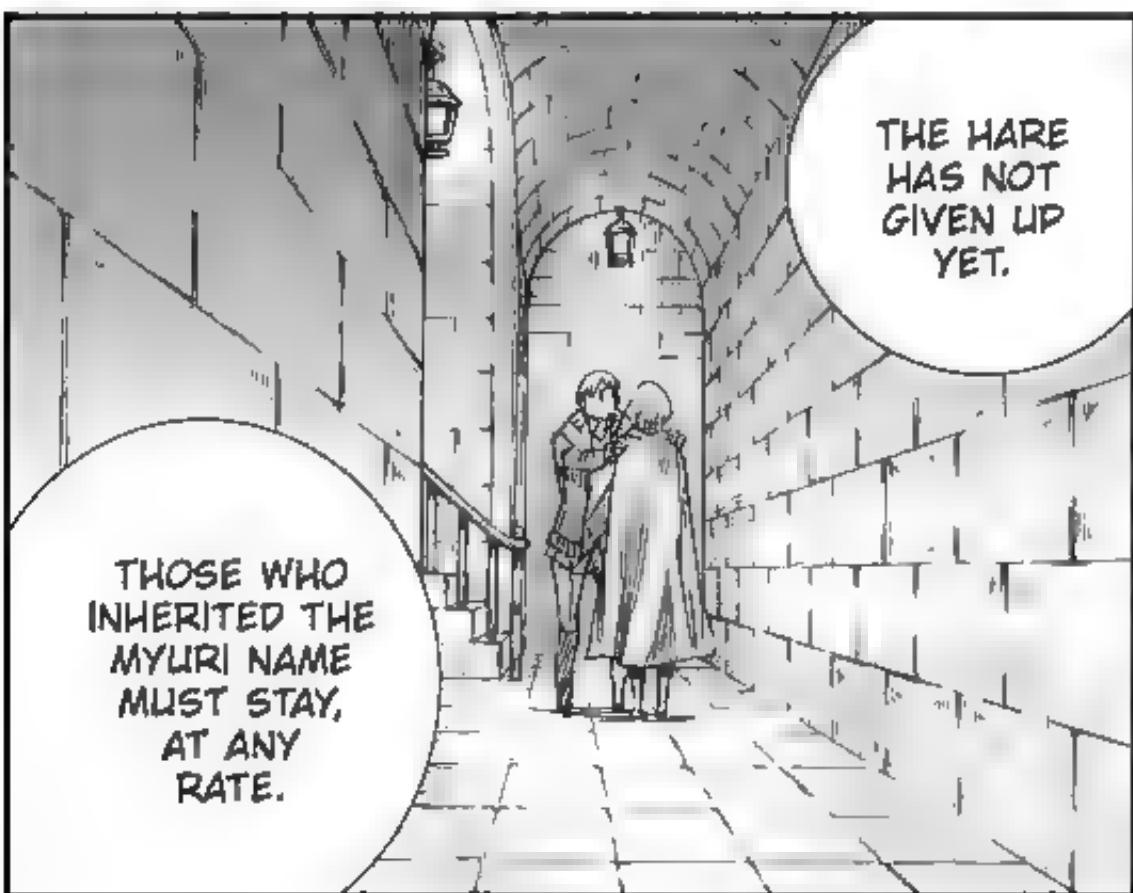


LOST.....













IF THIS WAS  
TO BE THE DEBAU  
COMPANY'S FIRST  
STEP IN SUBDING  
THE NORTHLANDS,  
THE SLAUGHTER OF  
THE OPPOSITION  
WOULD SURELY BE A  
MANDATORY RITUAL  
FOR THE SAKE OF  
THE FUTURE.



YOU  
UNDERSTAND,  
DO YOU  
NOT?







WILL  
YOU...



WILL YOU...  
BREAK THAT  
PROMISE?

HOLO IS...  
SO COLD.....



I WAS  
TRULY  
LOOKING  
FORWARD  
TO IT.

I WAS  
TRULY  
LOOKING  
FORWARD  
TO IT.









GAINS  
CAME WITH  
RESPONSIBILITY.

I WISH  
TO LIVE A  
QUIET LIFE  
WITH YOU.

IF  
SO...

...THEN  
WHY DID YOU  
TAKE MY HAND  
ALL THOSE  
TIMES?



...WHILE  
SOMETIMES  
FEELING A PANG  
IN MY HEART  
WHEN I THINK  
BACK ON THIS  
DECISION...

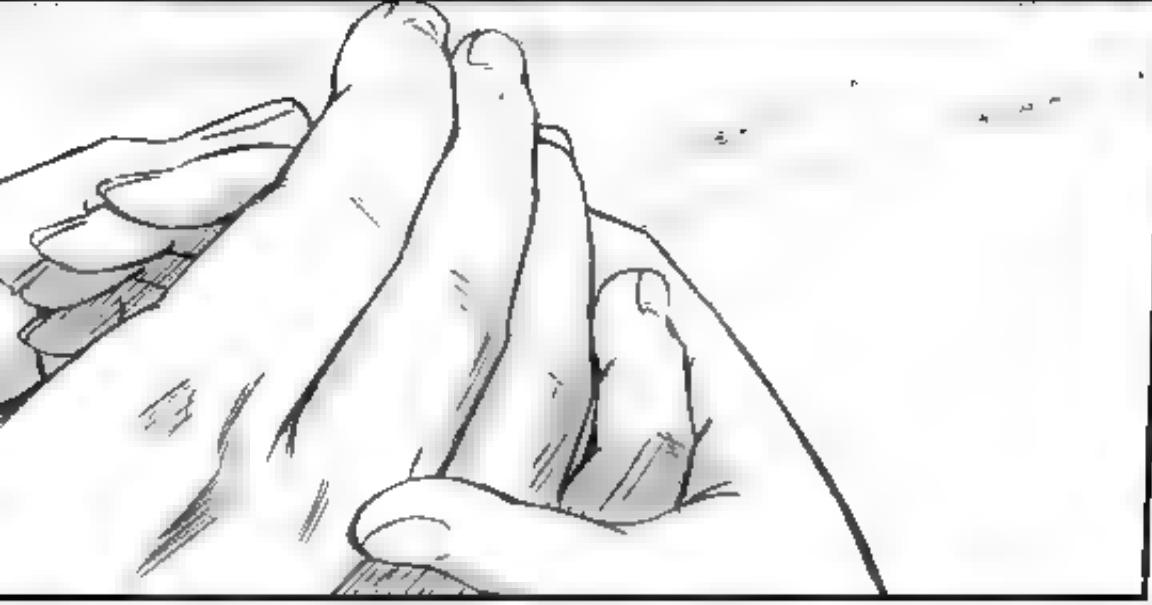
CARRYING  
OUT MINOR  
TRADE IN  
A SMALL  
SHOP...



...AND  
YET LEADING  
A CALM DAILY  
LIFE WITHOUT  
ANY PARTICULAR  
DISCONTENT.



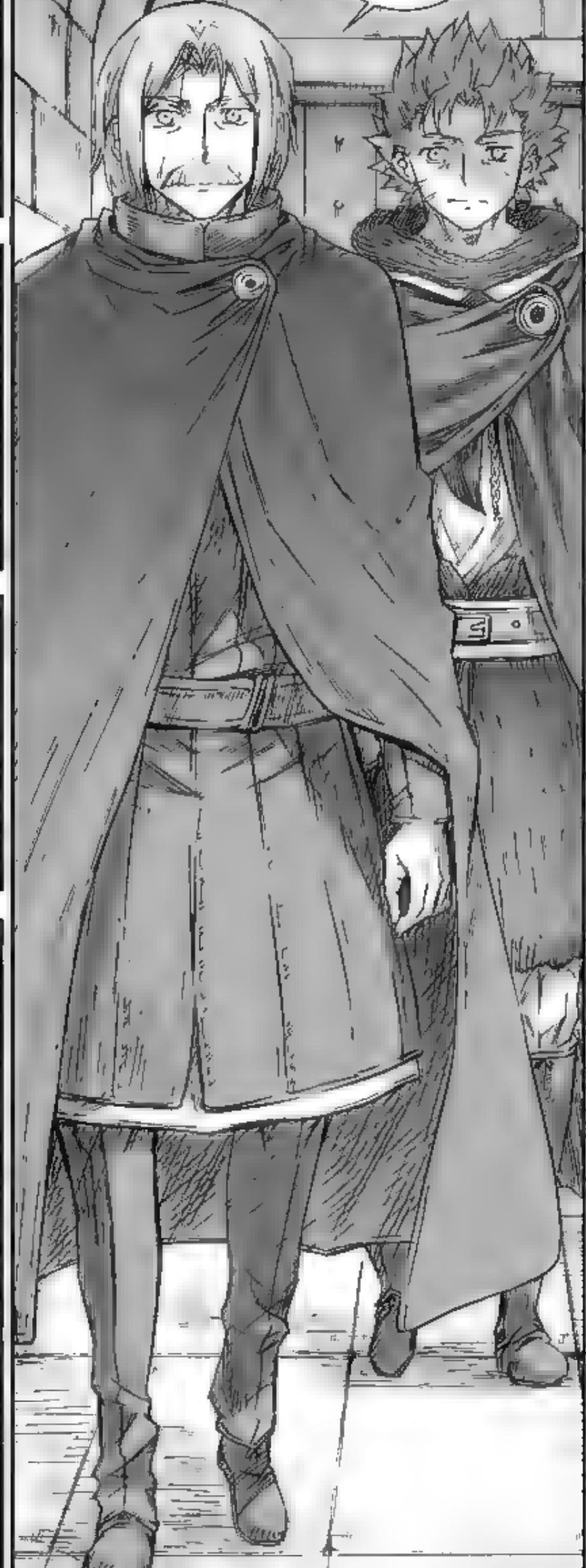
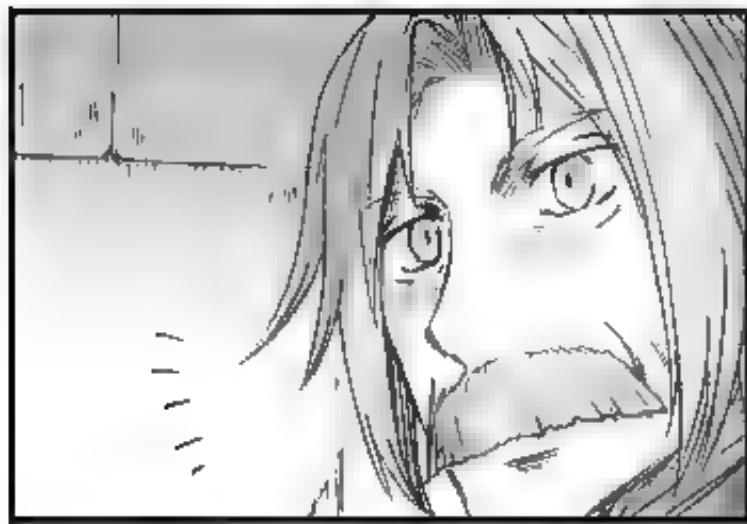
THIS IS  
WHAT IT  
MEANS  
TO HOLD  
SOMEONE  
DEAR.





AT THAT  
MOMENT,  
MY LONG  
AND LONELY  
JOURNEY  
CAME TO  
AN END.











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I SPOTTED THE ONE WHO ADMINISTERS THE TOWN IN THE NAME OF THE COUNCIL RIDING THIS WAY.

PLEASE ESCAPE WHEN YOU SEE AN OPENING.

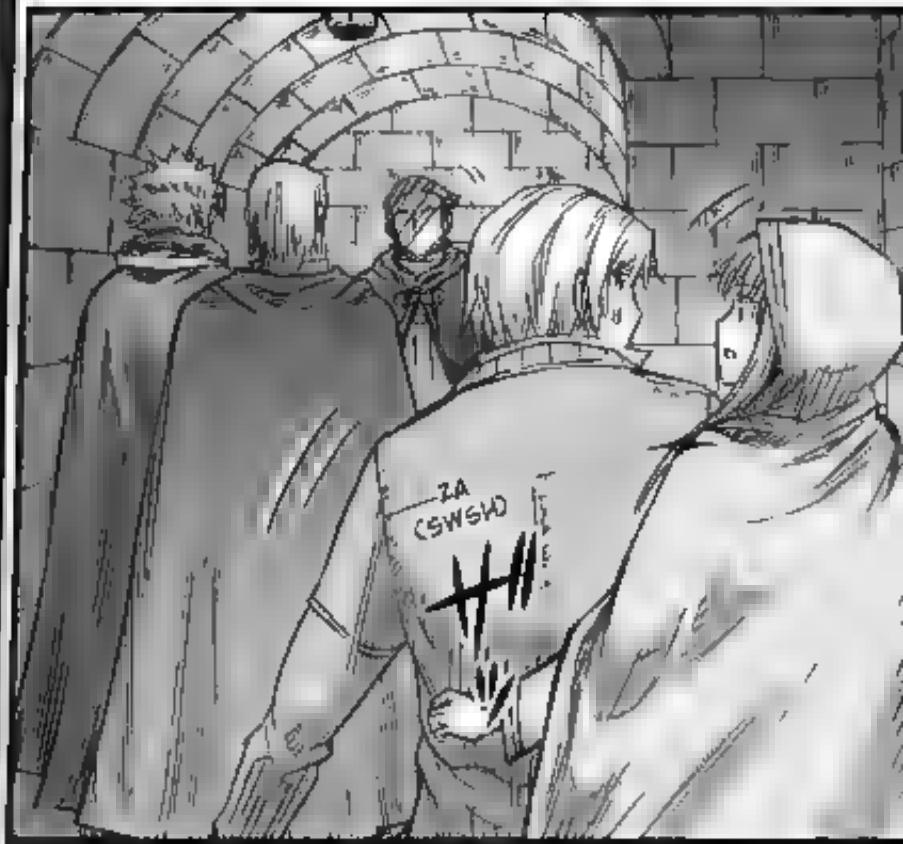
THE SOLDIERS SURELY WILL NOT BE SURROUNDING US AT ALL HOURS OF THE DAY.



NOW, THEN.

IT WILL NOT BE FOR IDLE CHITCHAT, I'M SURE.







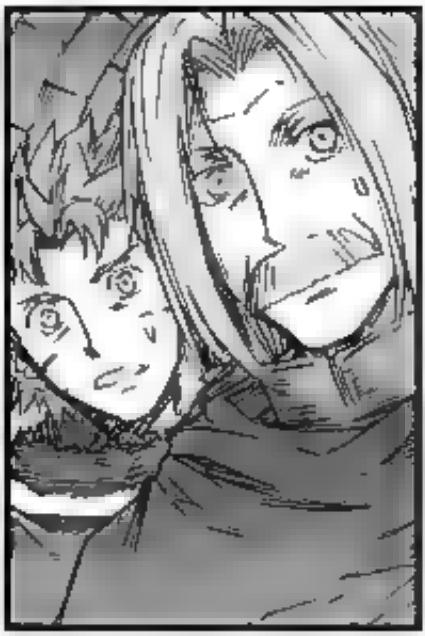
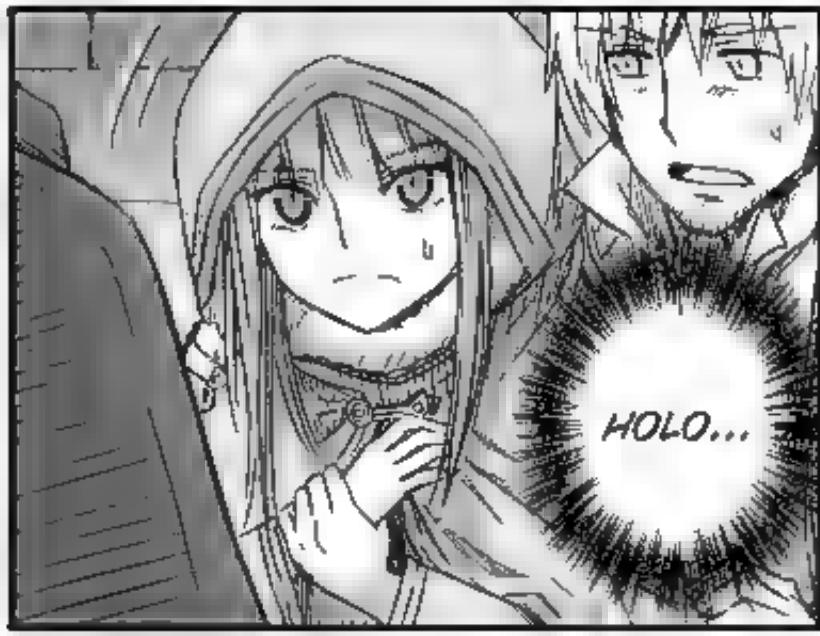
AND THIS  
IS THE  
FIRST TIME  
I'M SEEING  
YOU AS  
WELL...



...SIR JEAN  
MILLIKE.



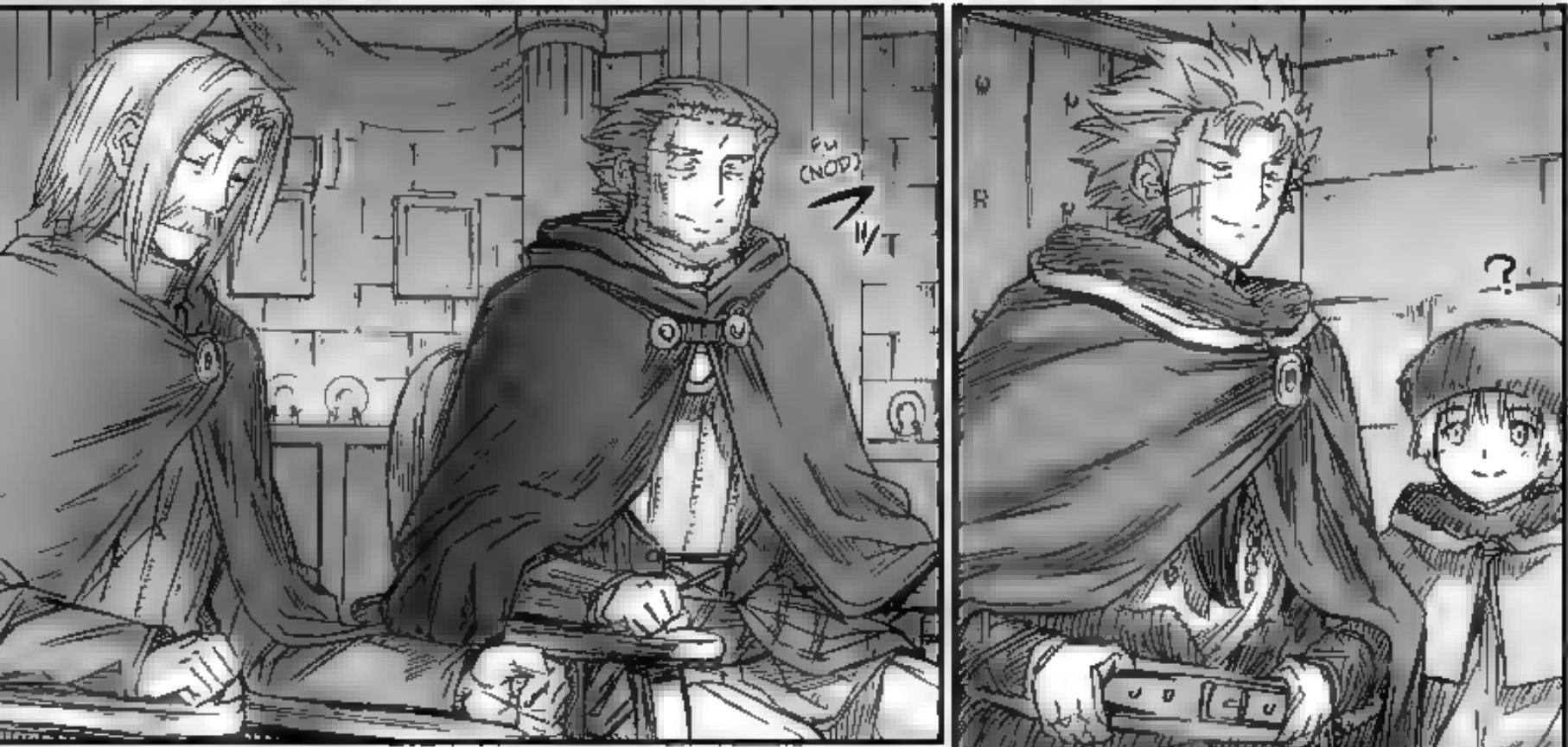
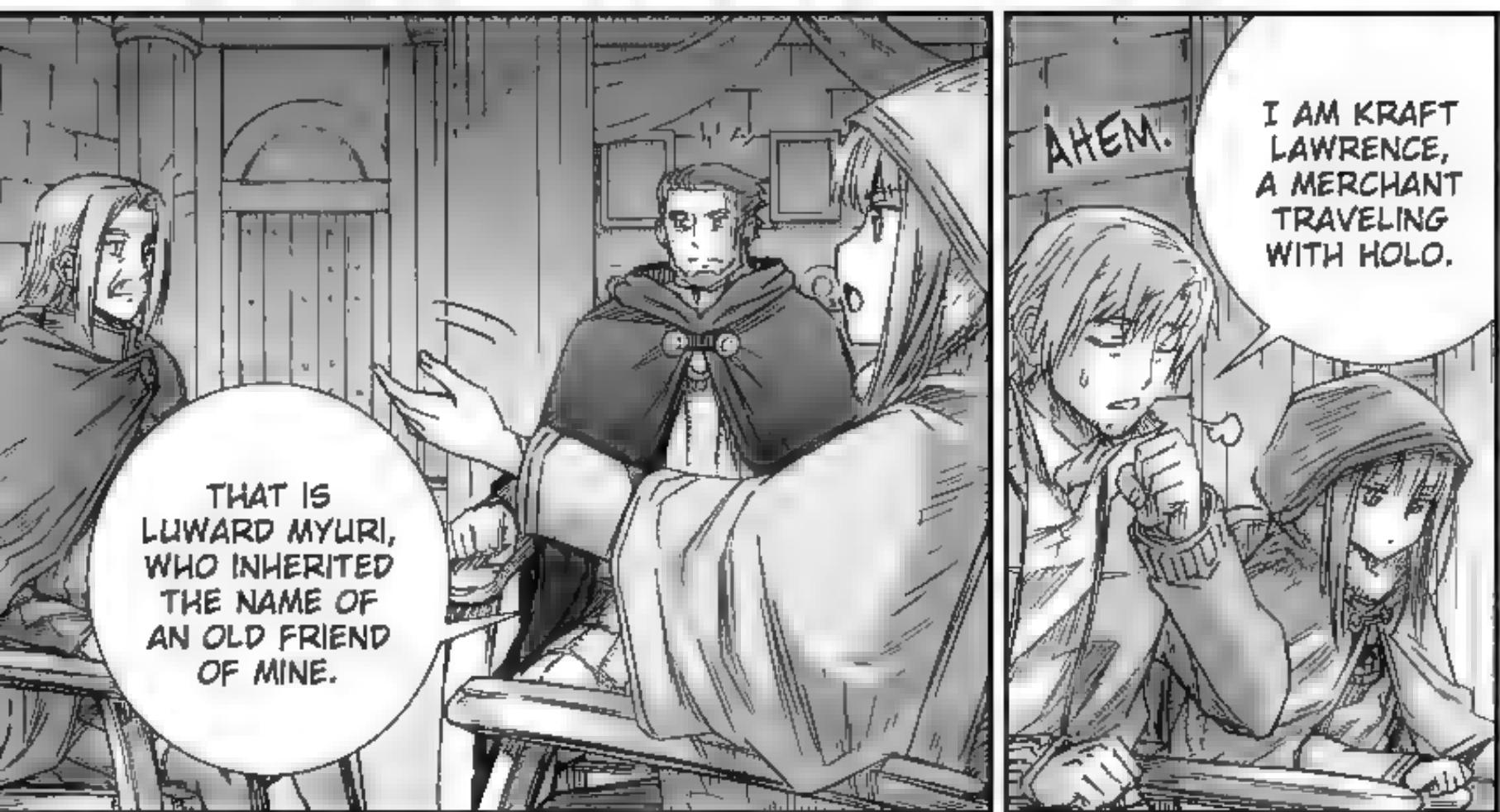








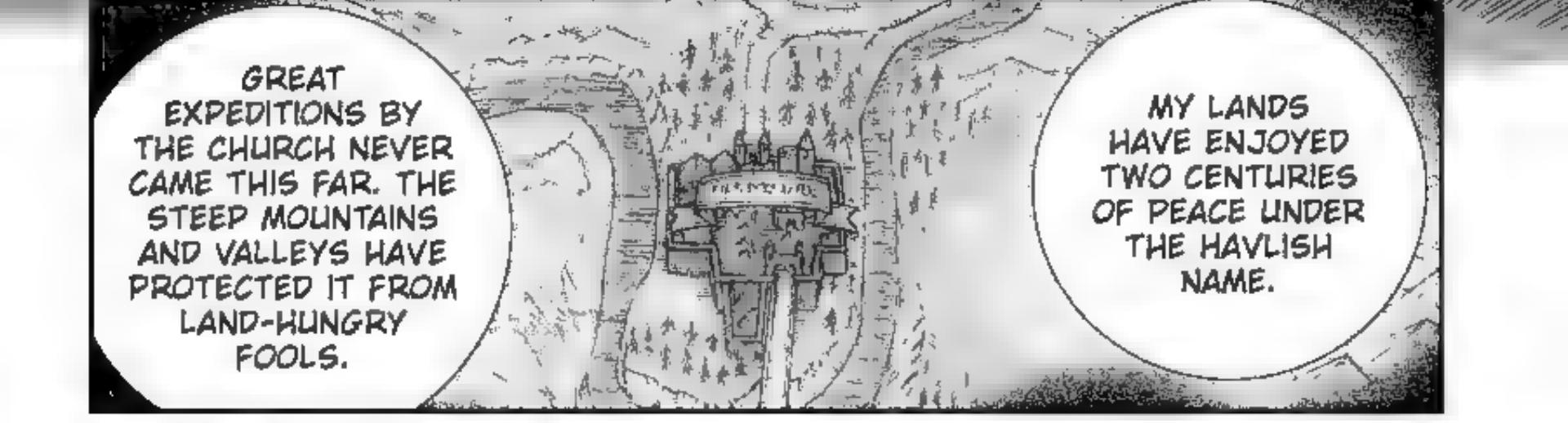






WELL,  
THEN.

YOU CERTAINLY  
HAVE CREATED  
A DISTURBANCE  
HEREABOUTS,  
HAVEN'T YOU?



GREAT  
EXPEDITIONS BY  
THE CHURCH NEVER  
CAME THIS FAR. THE  
STEEP MOUNTAINS  
AND VALLEYS HAVE  
PROTECTED IT FROM  
LAND-HUNGRY  
FOOLS.

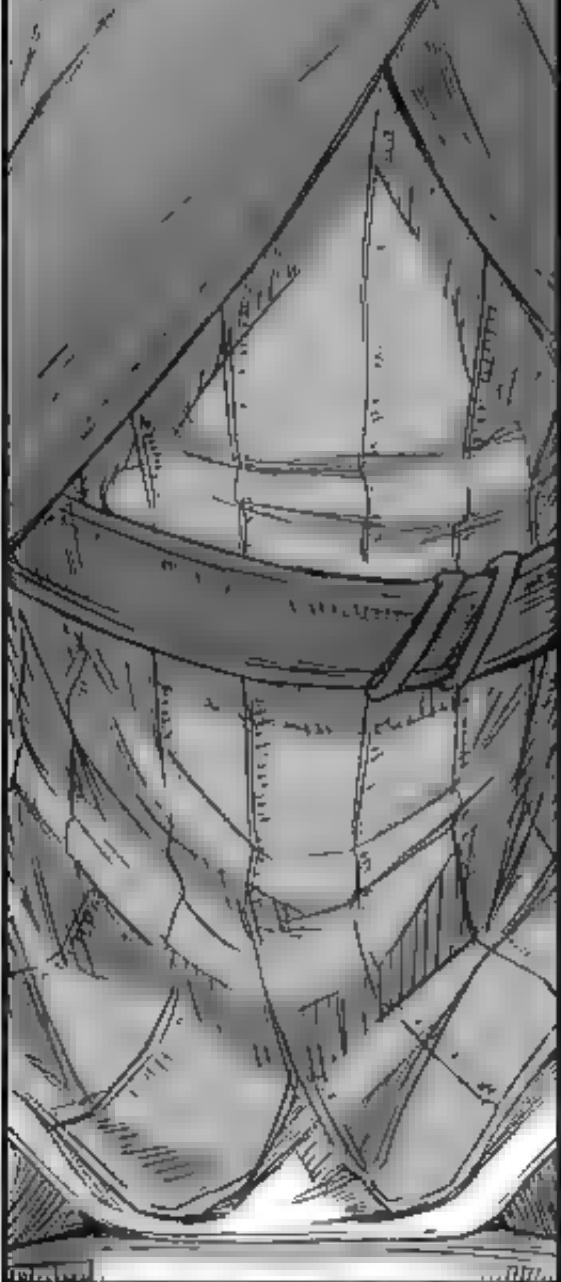
MY LANDS  
HAVE ENJOYED  
TWO CENTURIES  
OF PEACE UNDER  
THE HAVLISH  
NAME.



MAKE  
A MESS IN  
YOUR OWN  
LANDS.

TO THINK  
YOU WOULD  
INVITE ENEMIES  
RIGHT TO OUR  
DOORSTEP.

SVERNEL  
HERE IS  
ITS SOLE  
WEAKNESS.



DOES A DIGNIFIED  
WOLF SUCH AS  
YOURSELF INTEND TO  
GET INVOLVED WITH  
SUCH A FOOLISH  
SCUFFLE?



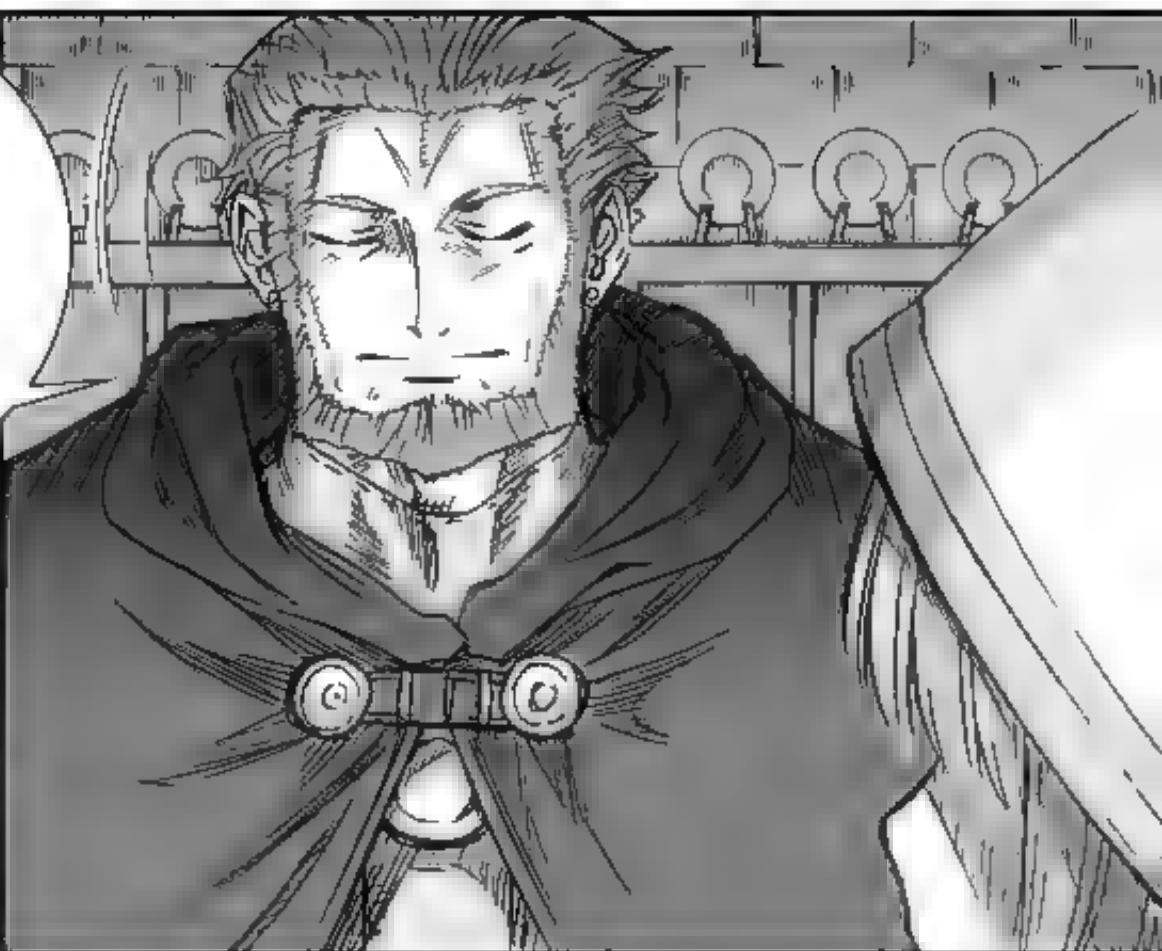
I SAW A  
BIRD NOT NATIVE  
TO THESE PARTS  
FLYING AROUND—  
A FRIEND OF  
YOURS, YES?

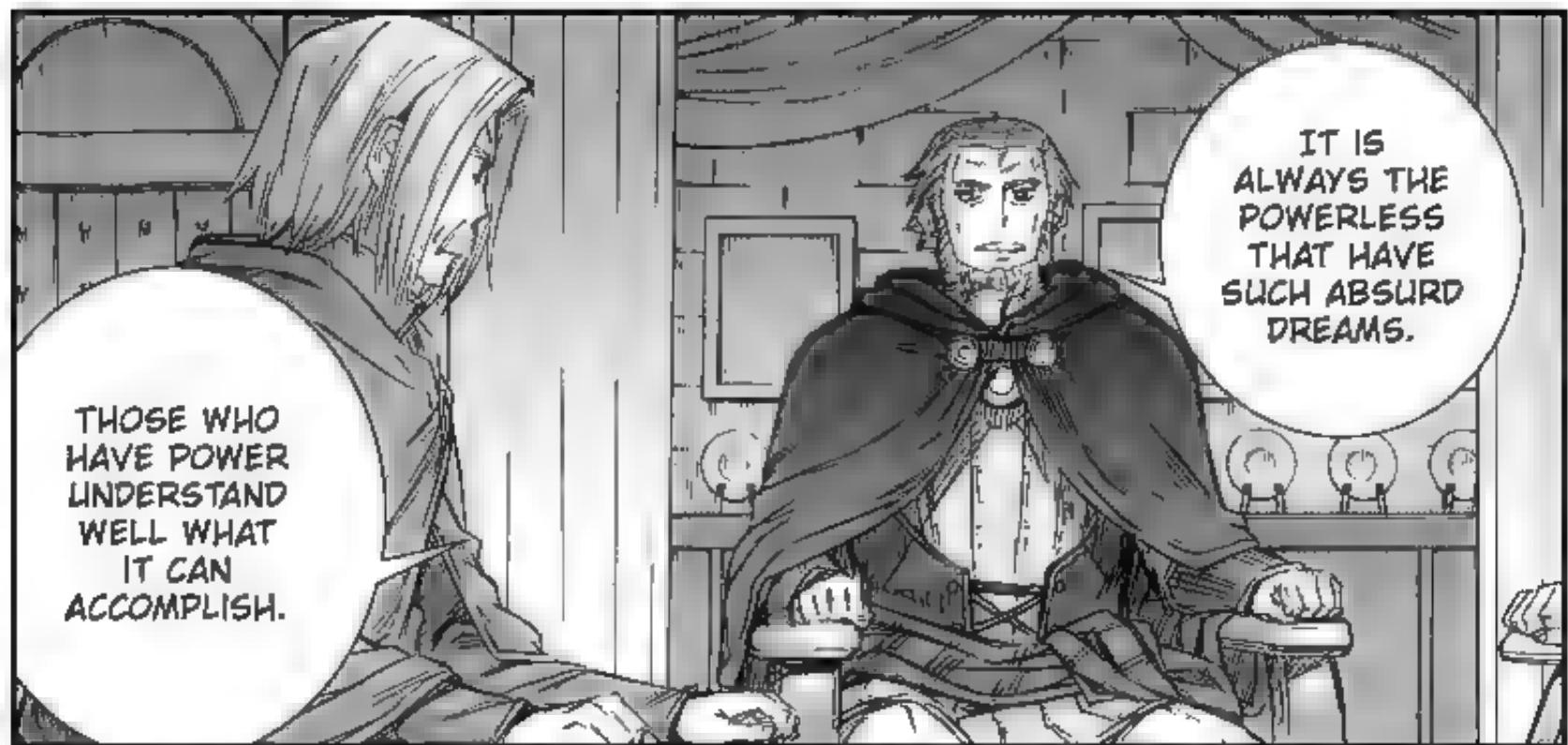
DON'T  
TELL ME  
YOU DON'T  
KNOW.



I DO  
NOT.

AS I  
EXPECTED.  
A VERY  
PRACTICAL  
JUDGMENT.





BUT THAT  
IS WHY YOU  
NEVER NOTICE  
THE PITFALLS  
AT YOUR  
FEET...

WHAT A  
MARVELOUS  
PRACTICE  
IT IS.

YOU FEEL AS  
THOUGH YOU CAN  
SEE TO THE ENDS OF  
THE EARTH WHEN  
YOU TRADE.

HE  
BECAME SICK,  
WAS BEDRIDDEN,  
AND PROMPTLY  
PASSED ON.

JEAN  
MILLIKE HAD A  
STRONG SPIRIT,  
BUT HIS BODY  
WAS FRAIL.

I INHERITED  
THE NAME OF  
JEAN MILLIKE  
SOME FIVE  
YEARS AGO  
NOW.

AND SETTLE  
DISPUTES.

I OWE  
HIM TOO. SINCE  
THEN, I'VE BEEN  
ASKED TO MANAGE  
THE CIRCULATION  
OF FURS AND  
AMBER.

YOU THOUGHT  
SVERNEL AND  
THE LANDS  
BEHIND IT WERE  
RULED BY  
DIFFERENT  
PEOPLE, DIDN'T  
YOU? THAT'S  
WHY YOU  
CAME TO  
THIS TOWN.

AND NO  
ONE EVER  
TOLD YOU  
ABOUT SUCH  
A COMMON  
OCUR-  
RENCE.

THERE'S  
NO HIDDEN  
TRUTH. IT  
HAPPENS  
OFTEN.



...DID YOU  
GIVE THE  
MERCENARY  
MESSengers  
SUCH  
FAVORABLE  
REPLIES?

THEN  
WHY...

SO IF  
MERCENARIES  
WERE GOING  
TO EAT VILLAGES  
WHOLE, DOWN  
TO THE LOCUSTS,  
THEN STILL DIE  
OUT IN THE WILD  
SOMEWHERE...

EVERY  
VILLAGE IS  
LOW ON FOOD  
DURING THIS  
SEASON.

IT'S  
SIMPLE.  
IF WE'D  
REFUSED,  
YOU'D  
HAVE GONE  
SOMEWHERE  
ELSE.

...BETTER TO  
TAKE YOU IN  
AND CAPTURE  
YOU HERE  
IN TOWN.

NO.

DO YOU  
INTEND TO  
SELL US  
OUT?



I WILL  
SELL  
YOU OUT,  
AND YOU  
ALONE.

YOU ARE  
PREPARED  
FOR THIS  
MUCH, AT  
LEAST?

YES.

NOT "US,"  
THEN. "ME"?



BUT MY  
DESIRE TO  
CONTINUE IS  
GREATER.

I AM.





A STANDARD CURRENCY WILL BECOME A POWERFUL WEAPON IN FOREIGN TRADE.

IN THE HARSH ENVIRONMENT OF THE NORTH, ONE WILL PERISH IF UNABLE TO PURCHASE FOOD FROM OTHER LANDS.

IN THAT CASE, IT WOULD SIMPLY BE UNPROFITABLE TO REMAIN ON THE OUTSIDE.

MANY LORDS WILL BE DRAWN INTO THE SAME ECONOMIC SPHERE THROUGH USE OF A COMMON CURRENCY.

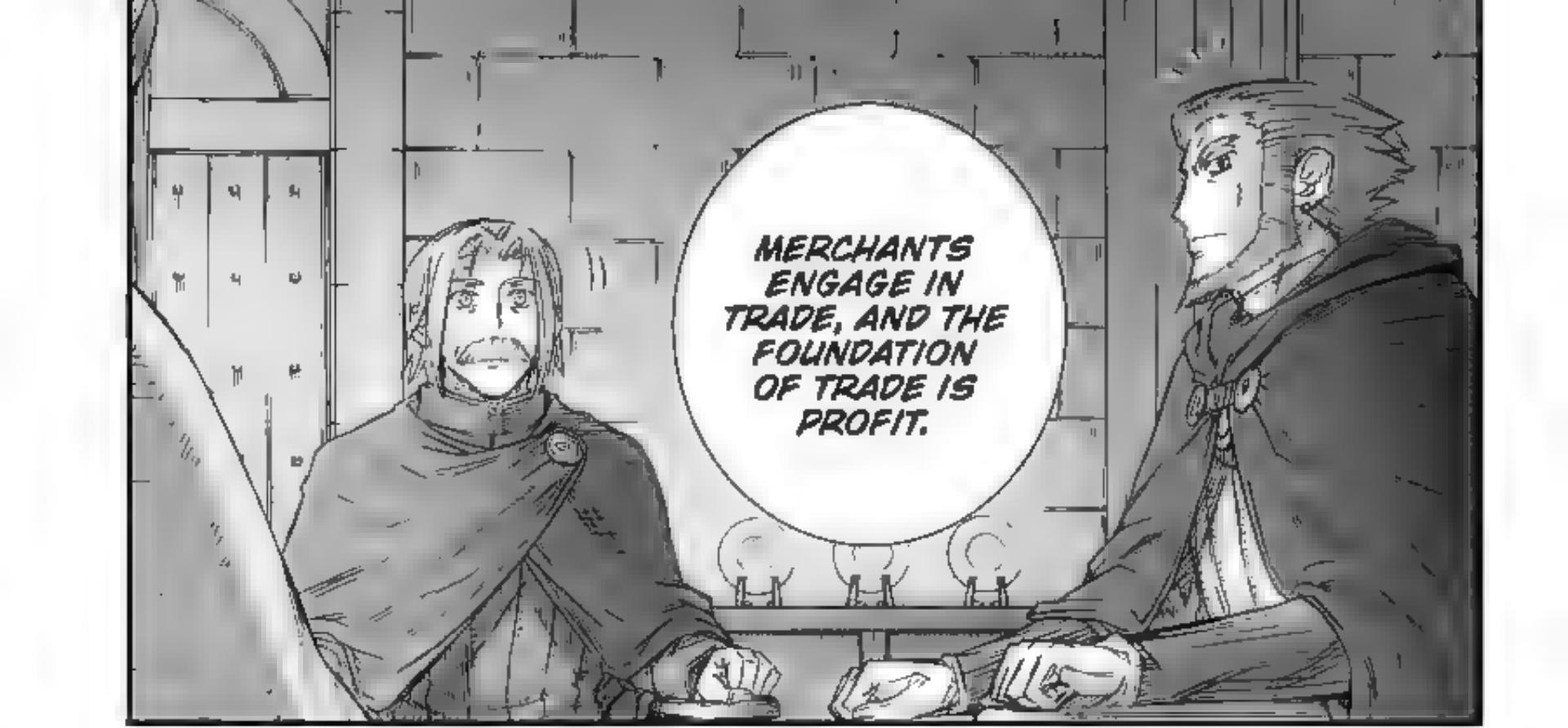
...WE ARE CONFIDENT THAT THESE LORDS, HITHERTO BEYOND REPROACH EVEN BY GOD HIMSELF, SHALL BE TAMED WITH A GOLDEN YOKE.

BY TAKING CHARGE OF THIS MANAGEMENT...



AND WHAT PROOF IS THERE THAT A WORLD RULED BY MERCHANTS IN THE STEAD OF LORDS WOULD BE RUN ANY BETTER?

FEU (EXHALED)



MERCHANTS  
ENGAGE IN  
TRADE, AND THE  
FOUNDATION  
OF TRADE IS  
PROFIT.



OH?

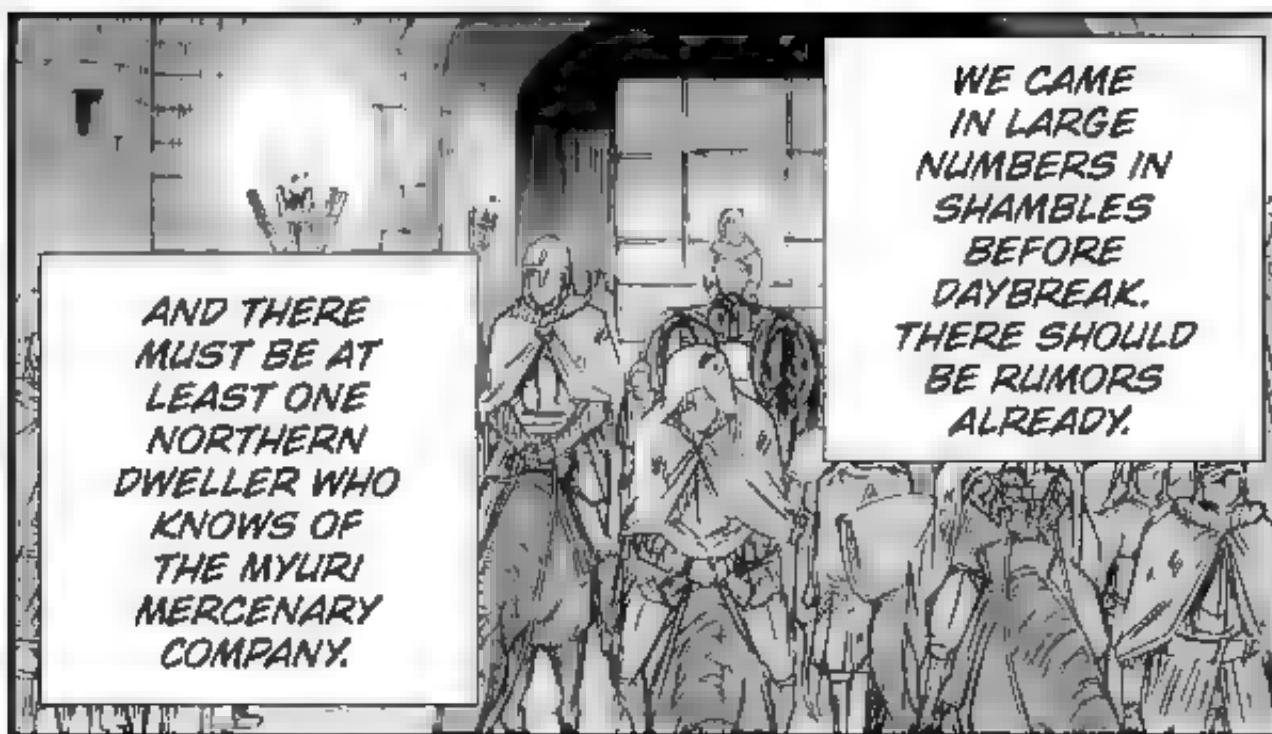


AND PROFIT  
IN TRADE IS  
FIRST GAINED  
BY MAKING  
SOMEONE  
HAPPY.



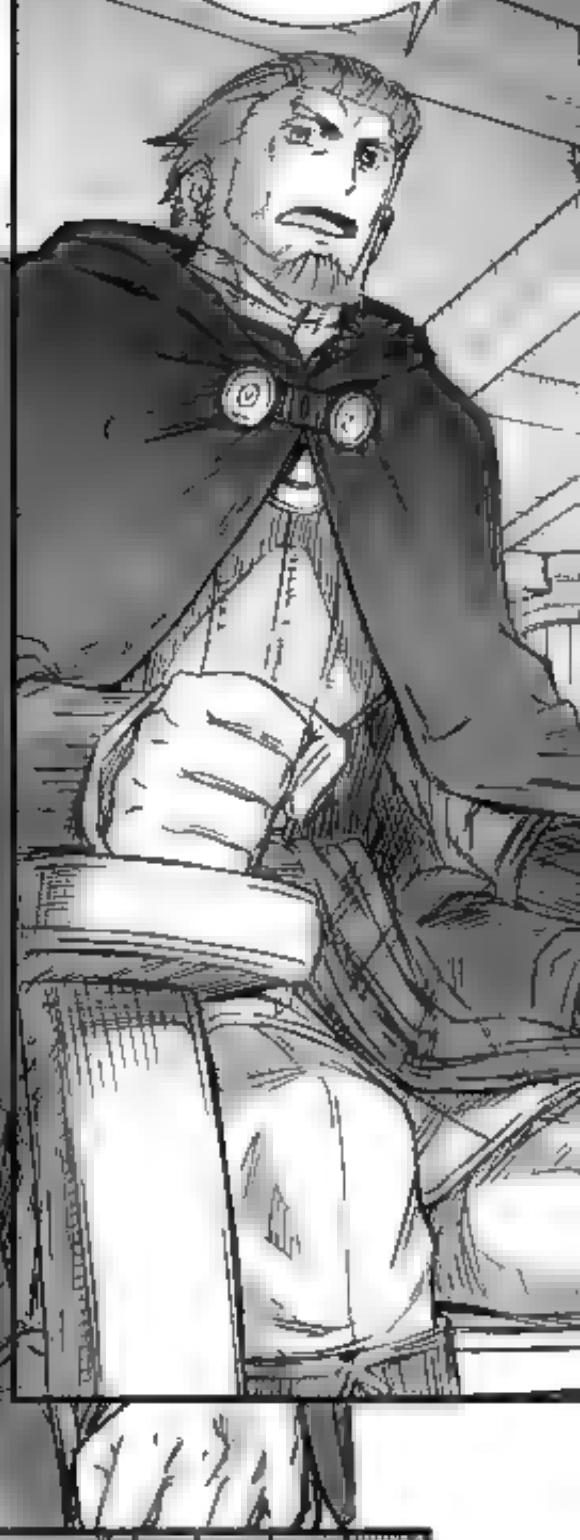
THAT  
IS PROOF  
ENOUGH.







NO,  
SURELY THAT  
WON'T BE  
NECESSARY.



DOES THAT  
MEAN YOU PLAN  
TO BREAK US  
COUNCILORS UP?  
WE WHO KEEP  
THE PEOPLE  
IN LINE?



GIVE  
IT A  
SHOT.

I SEE.  
VERY WELL,  
THEN.



PEOPLE  
WILL FOLLOW  
THE TRUTH.  
THE CURRENT  
DEBAU  
COMPANY  
MUST BE  
STOPPED.

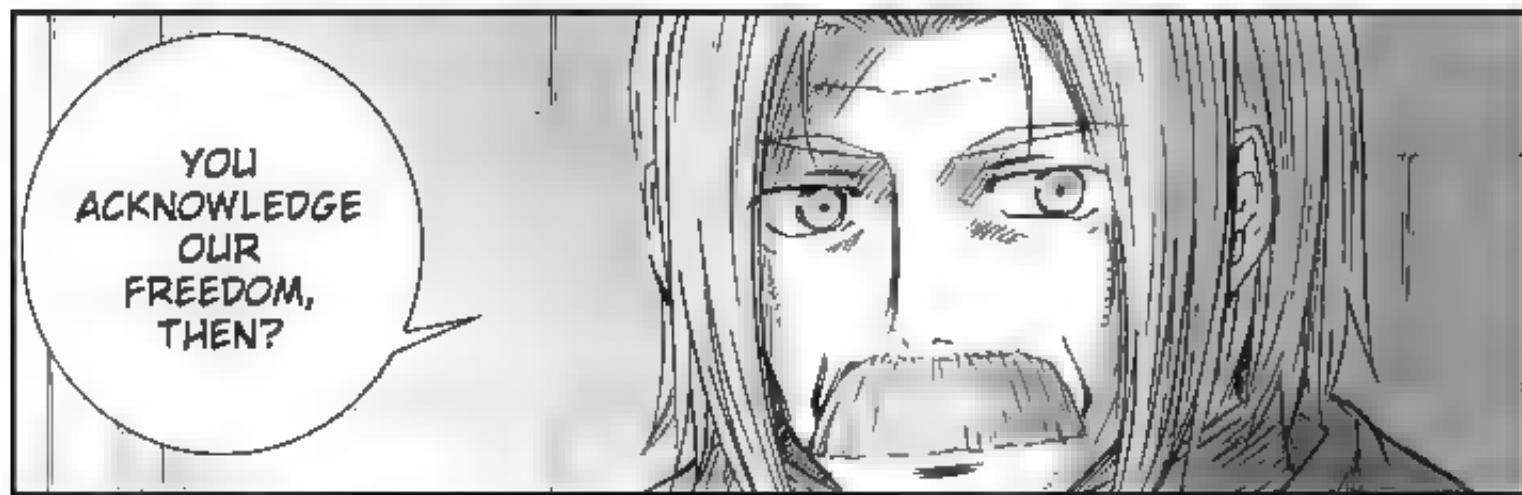
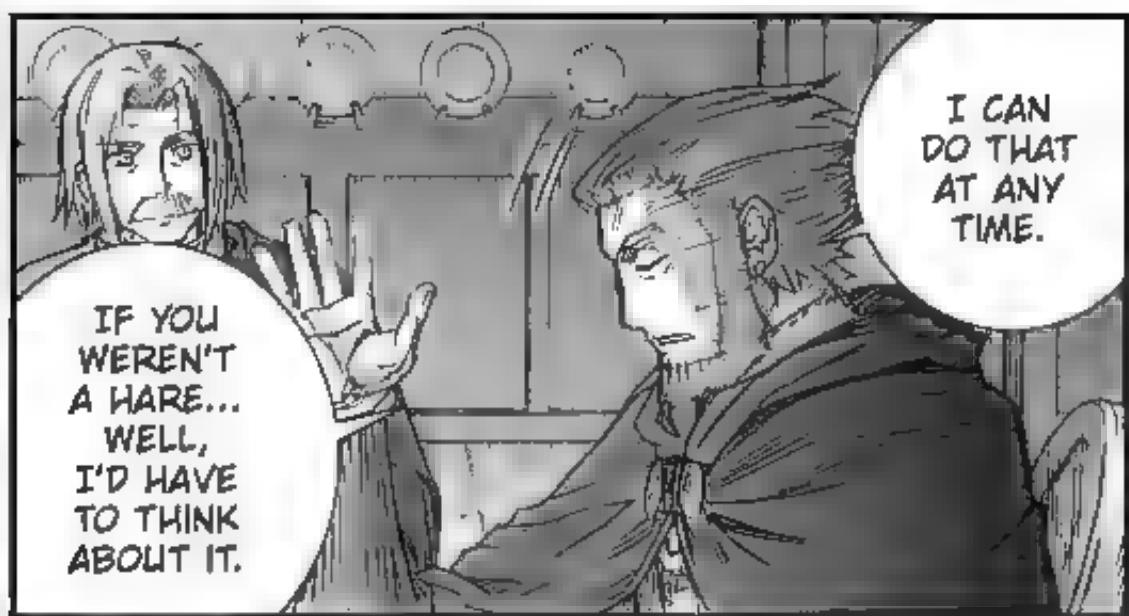
IF I  
MAY SAY  
SO, THE  
TRUTH IS  
ON OUR  
SIDE.



HEH.



AND  
SELLING ME  
OUT?





IS THIS  
LORD LIKE  
HOLO?

NO ONE STAYS.  
IT IS ONLY TIME  
THAT PILES UP,  
LIKE SEDIMENT.

SOMEONE  
WHO TRIED  
CHANGE MANY  
TIMES IN THE  
PAST...BUT  
GREW TIRED  
OF IT ONE  
DAY.

THEY  
ALL PASS  
THROUGH  
AND LEAVE.

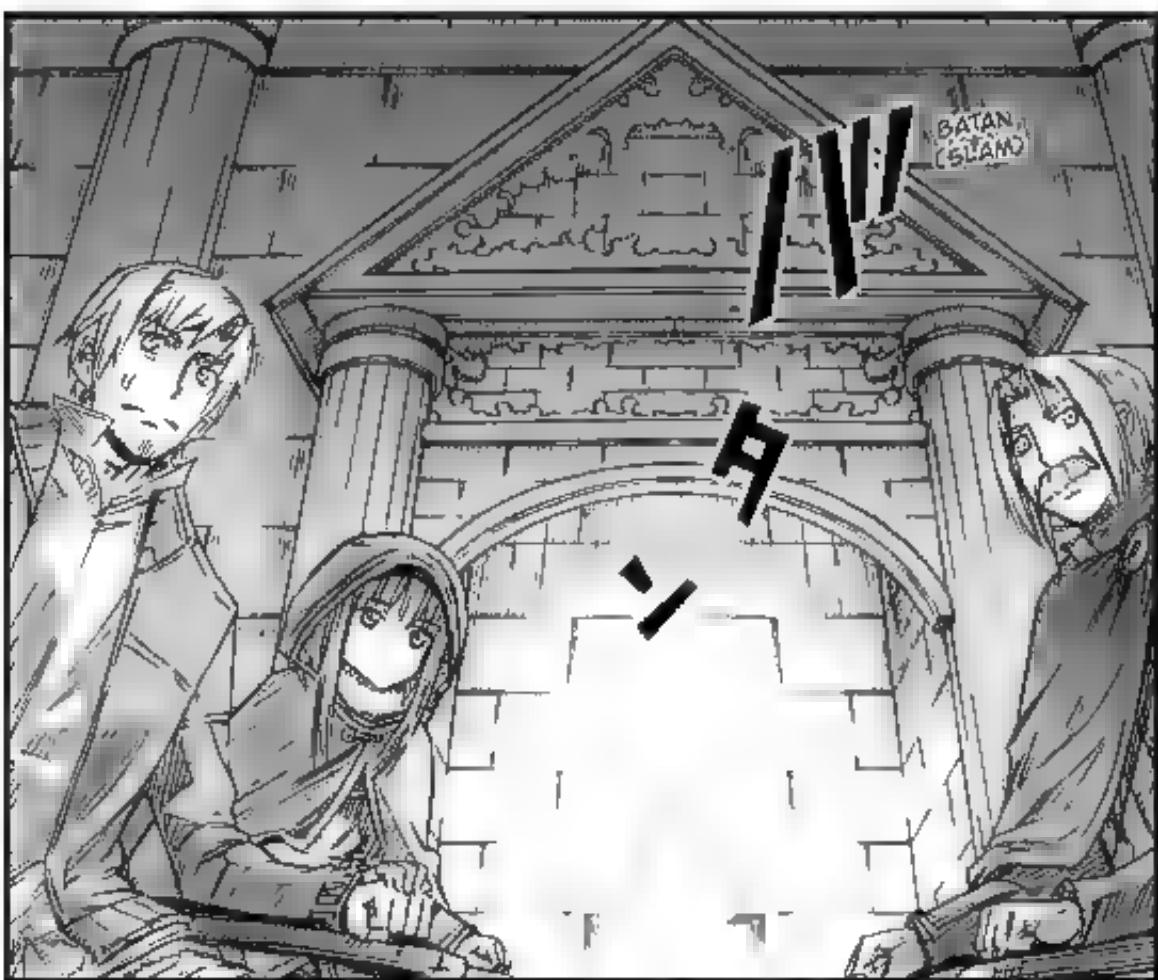
YOU MAY  
FOLLOW THEIR  
FOOTSTEPS,  
BUT THOSE  
TOO END UP  
COVERED IN  
SNOW.

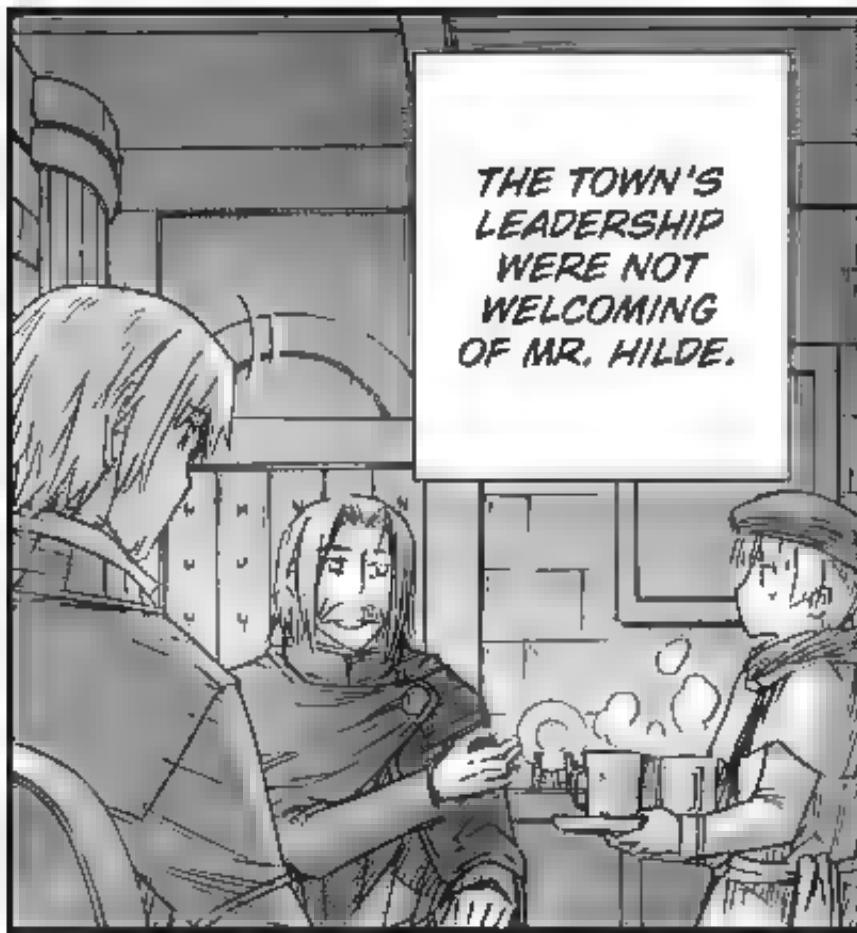
THE FOOLS  
CARRY THEIR  
WEAPONS TO  
TRAVEL BEYOND  
THE TOWN, BUT  
THERE'S NOTHING  
BUT DEEP,  
TREACHEROUS,  
SNOWY  
MOUNTAINS.

NO  
ONE STAYS  
FOR LONG.  
THEY ALL  
MOVE RIGHT  
ON BY.

THIS IS  
JUST A TOWN  
WHERE FUR  
AND AMBER  
PASSES  
THROUGH.

THE  
ARTISANS  
ARE ALL  
GONE.



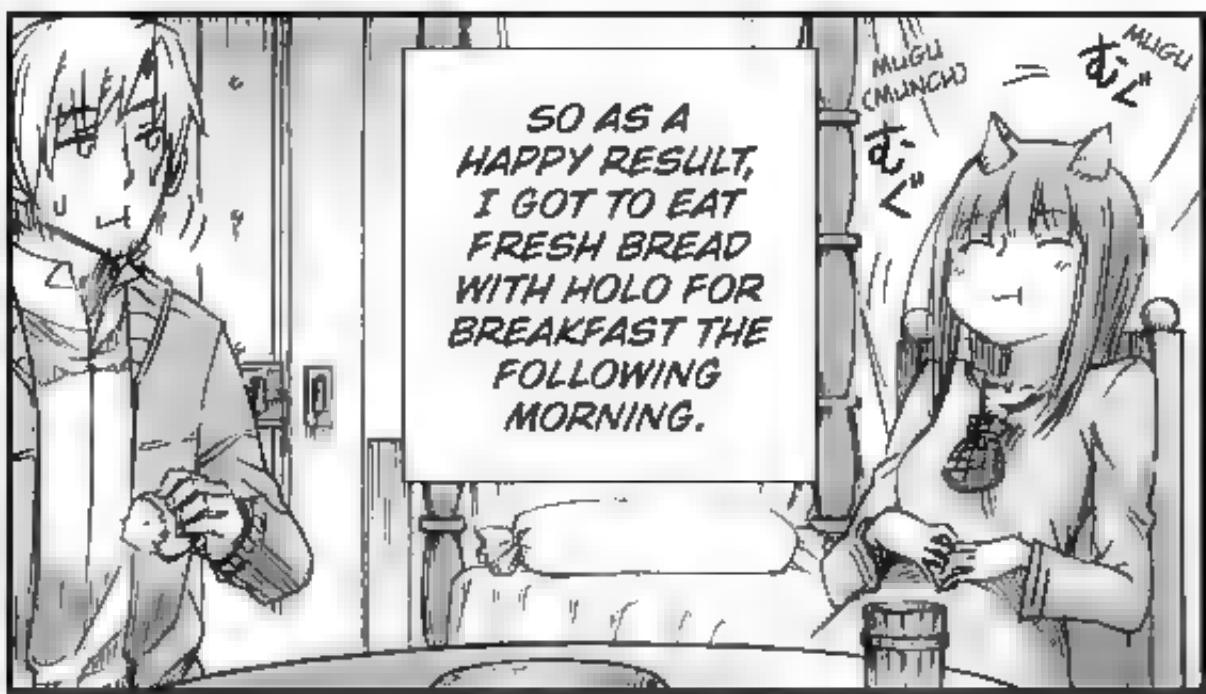


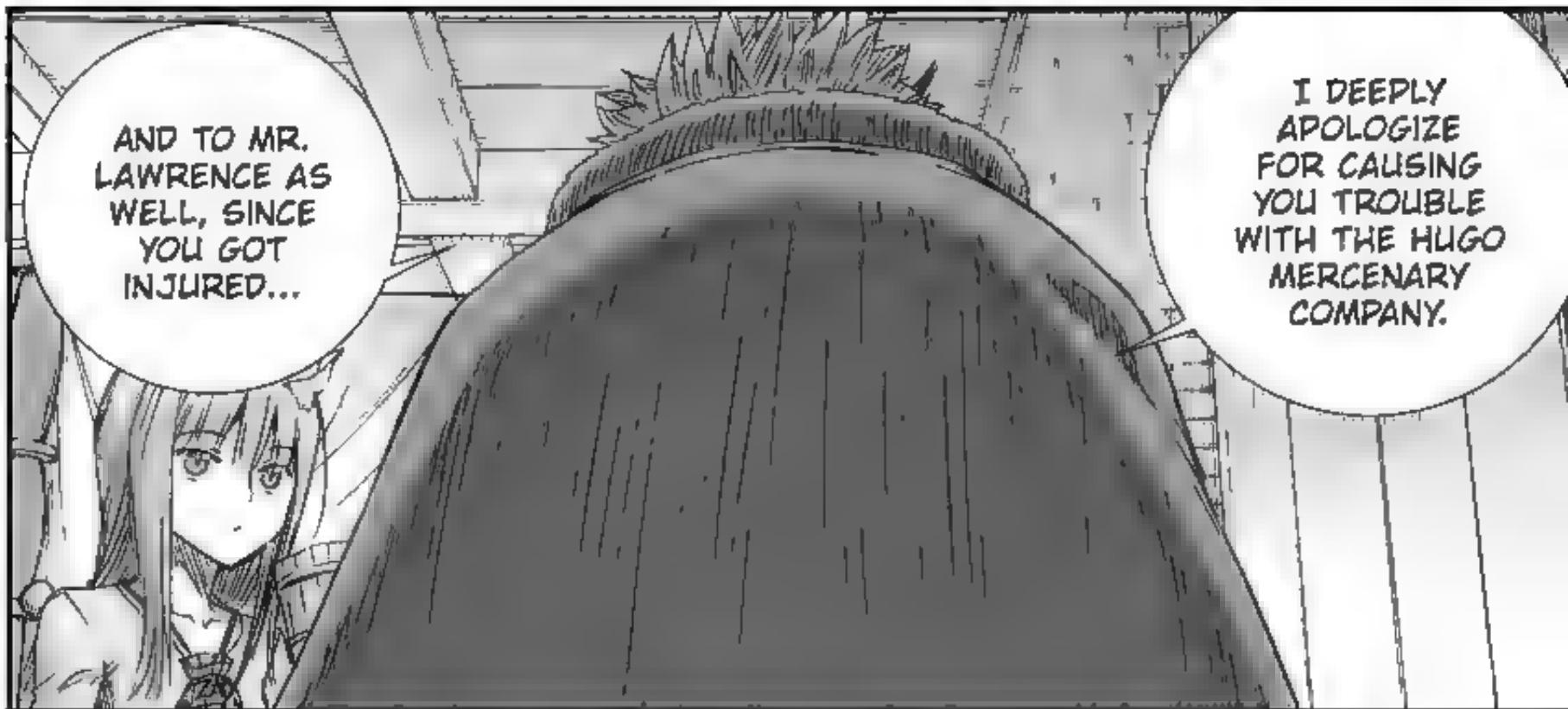




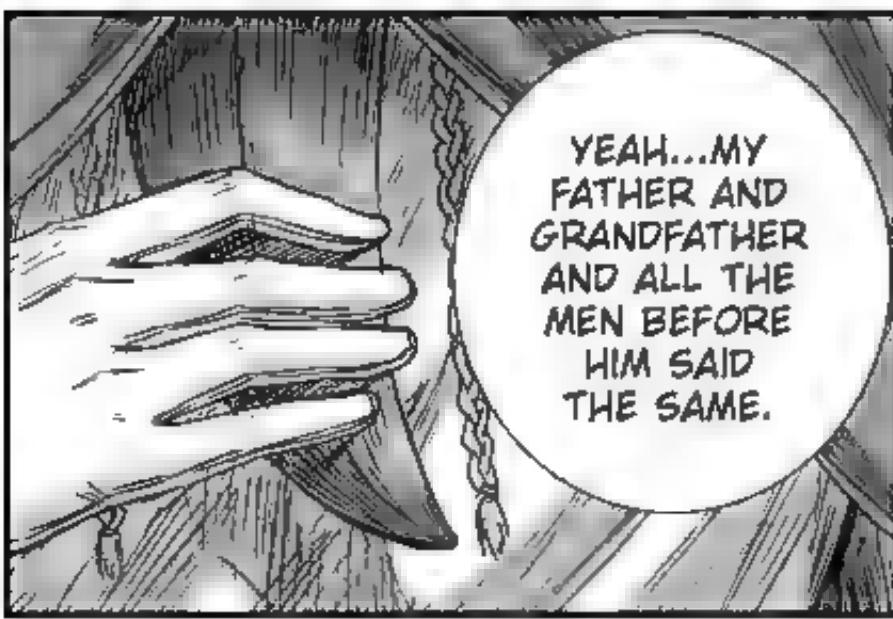
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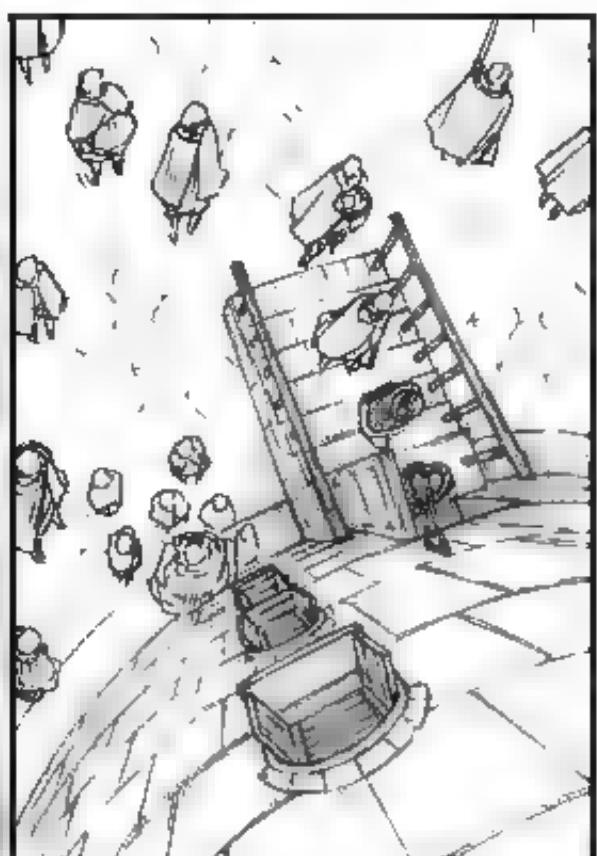
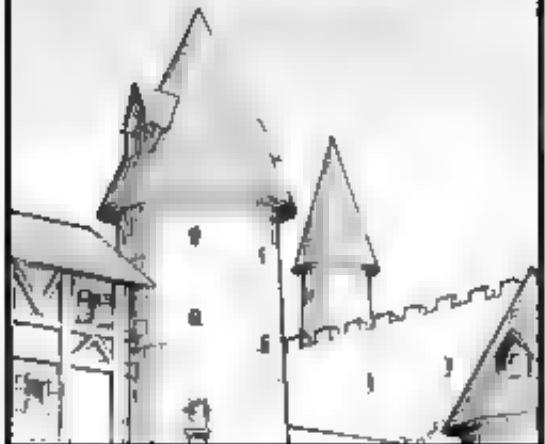








A FEW  
DAYS  
LATER—

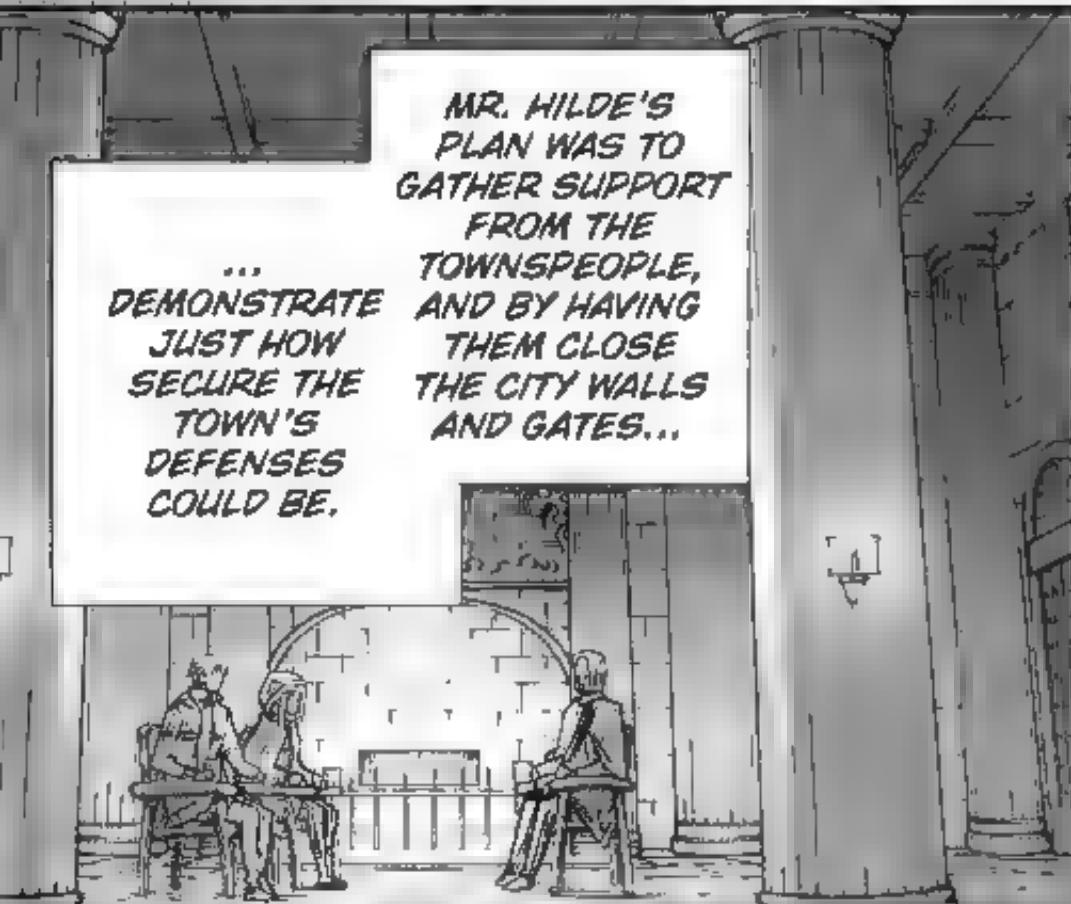


MR. HILDE'S  
PLAN WAS TO  
GATHER SUPPORT  
FROM THE  
TOWNSPEOPLE,  
AND BY HAVING  
THEM CLOSE  
THE CITY WALLS  
AND GATES...

...  
DEMONSTRATE  
JUST HOW  
SECURE THE  
TOWN'S  
DEFENSES  
COULD BE.

THERE'S  
MORE THAN  
TWENTY OF  
THEM!

THE TOWN  
INTELLECTUALS  
AND SHOP-  
KEEPERS ARE  
HERE TO SEE  
MR. HILDE.



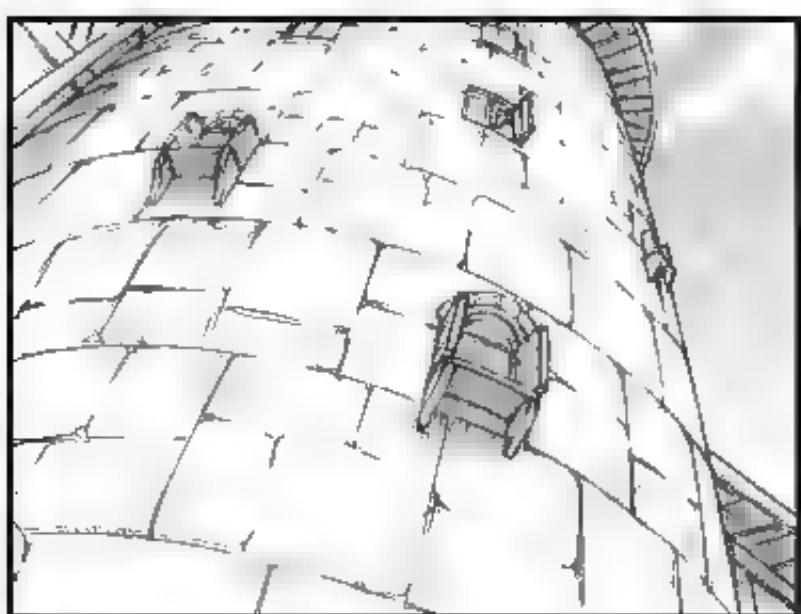
THE COMPANY AS THEY ARE NOW DO NOT HAVE THE FUNDS TO CONDUCT A SIEGE.

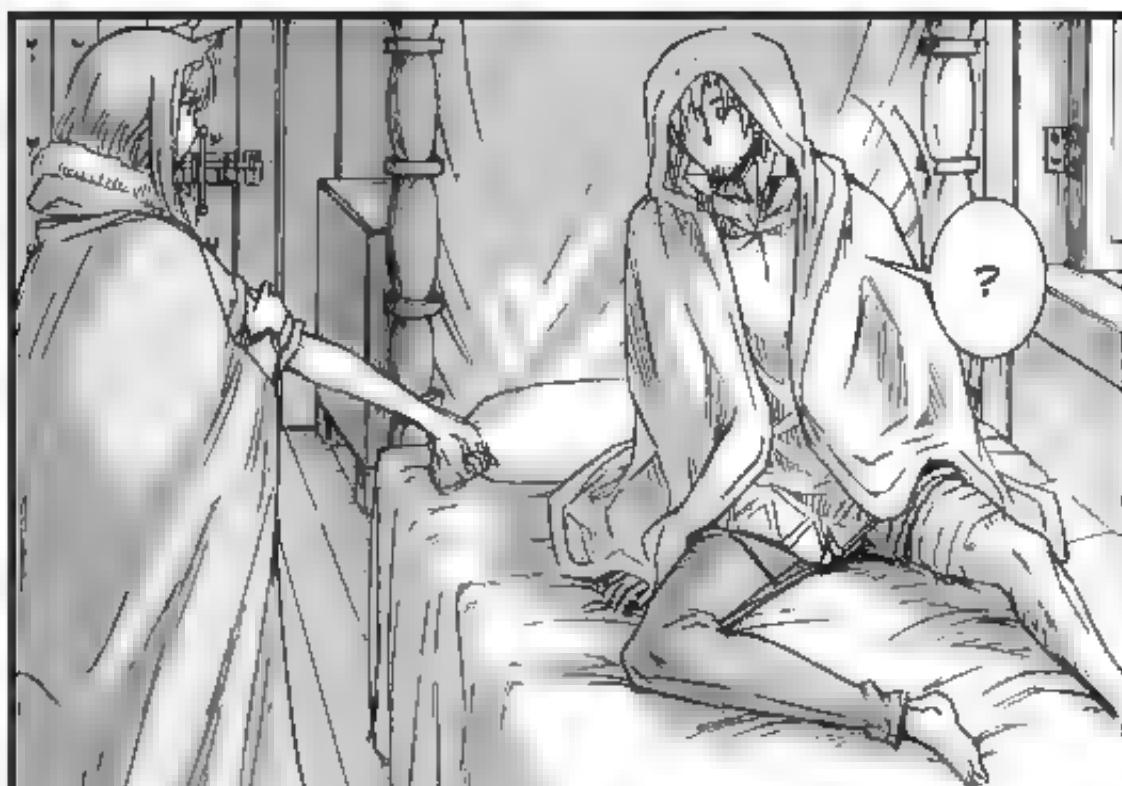
LET ME TELL YOU THIS AS THE FORMER TREASURER OF THE DEBAU COMPANY.

THE REASON WHY THE DEBAU COMPANY SPLIT IN THE FIRST PLACE... THEY MUST PRESERVE THE BASE METAL, NECESSARY FOR THE NEW SILVER COIN, AT ANY COST.

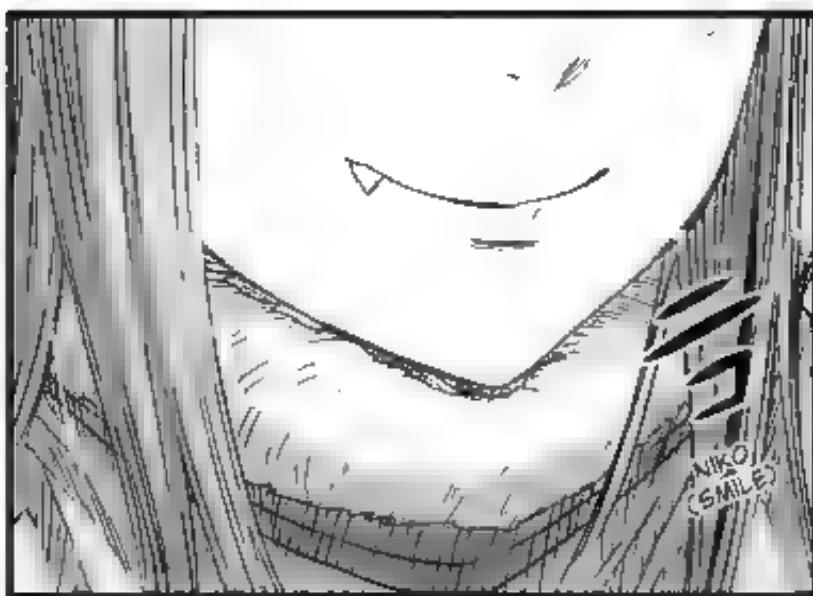
THEY WILL WANT TO AVOID A REAL WAR, ANYTHING MORE THAN JUST SHOWING OFF THE BETRAYERS AND A LARGE ARMY.

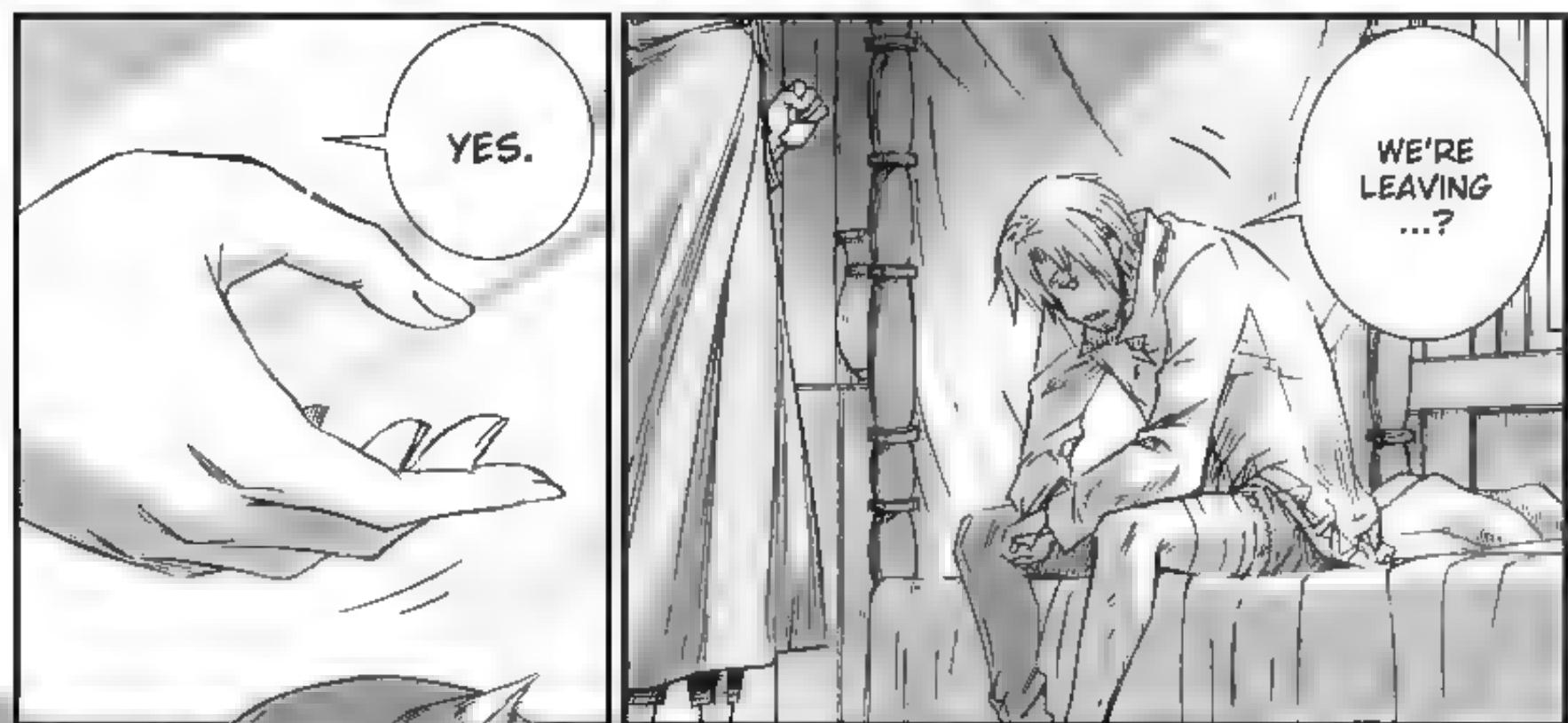
IF WE CAN CLOSE THE GATES AND FORCE THEM TO THE TABLE...WE MAY BE ABLE TO TURN THIS SITUATION AROUND.

















THAT  
AFTER-  
NOON...

PLEASE  
TAKE A  
SEAT.

WILL YOU  
BE LEAVING  
US SOON?

...  
TRANSFORMED  
INTO A COMPANY  
OFFICE IN JUST  
A FEW DAYS.

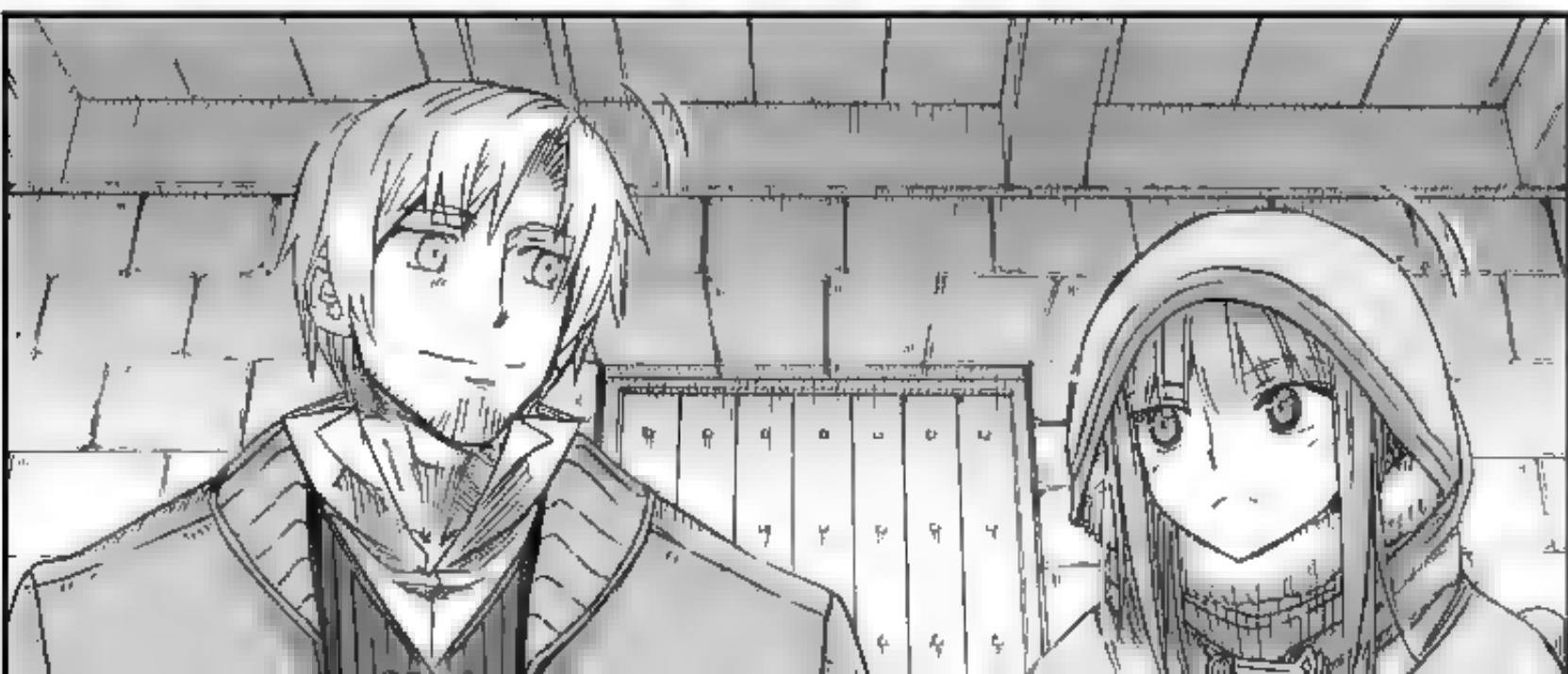
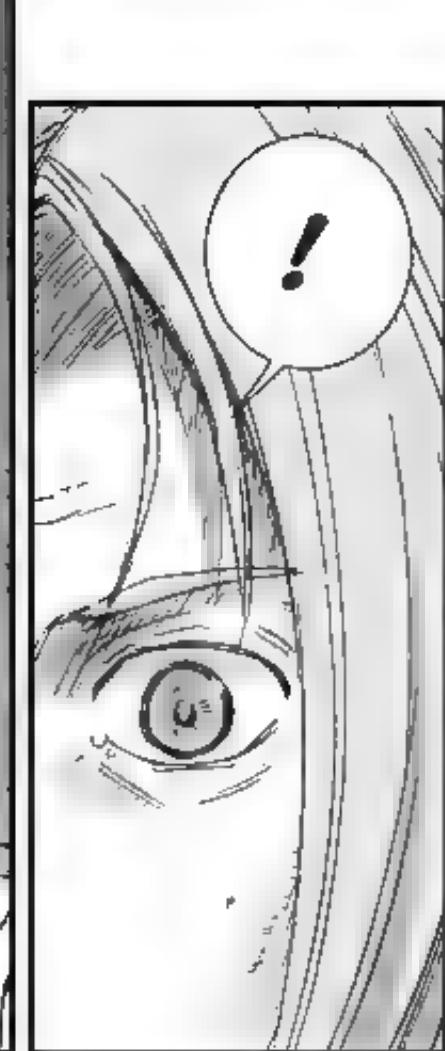
MR.  
HILDE'S  
ROOM  
ON THE  
SECOND  
FLOOR...

...BUT  
HERE ARE  
THE GOLD  
COINS YOU  
ENTRUSTED  
TO US.

AND THE  
FORBIDDEN  
BOOK.

YES.  
SORRY  
FOR INTER-  
RUPTING  
YOU WHILE  
YOU'RE  
BUSY...









AN  
EMBOSSING  
HAMMER TO  
MAKE NEW  
COINS.....!



OF COURSE.  
THAT IS WHAT  
I WANTED TO  
SHOW YOU.



THE  
SUN!

GULP





I TALKED  
ABOUT WHAT  
THE DESIGN OF  
THE NEW SILVER  
COIN MIGHT  
BE WITH THE  
MERCENARIES  
ONCE.



THEY RACKED  
THEIR BRAINS,  
SINCE PEOPLE  
WOULD BE  
UNHAPPY IF IT  
WAS THE FACE  
OF A RULER OR  
MINING TOOLS.



CERTAINLY THE  
SUN—OFTEN  
COVERED IN COLD,  
LEAD-COLORED  
CLOUDS IN THE  
NORTHLANDS—  
WAS SOMETHING  
THAT BROUGHT  
HAPPINESS  
EQUALLY TO  
ALL PEOPLE.

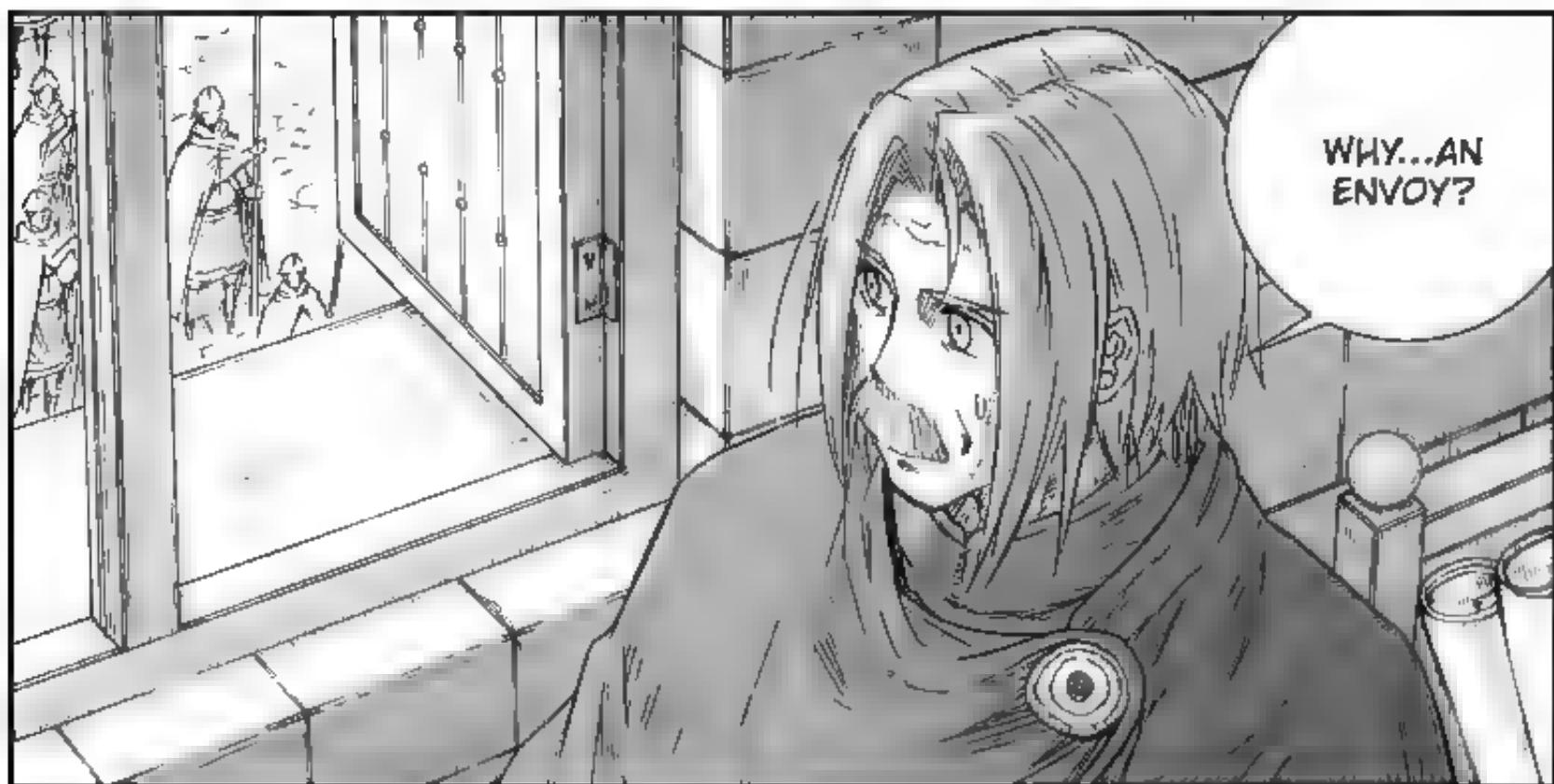
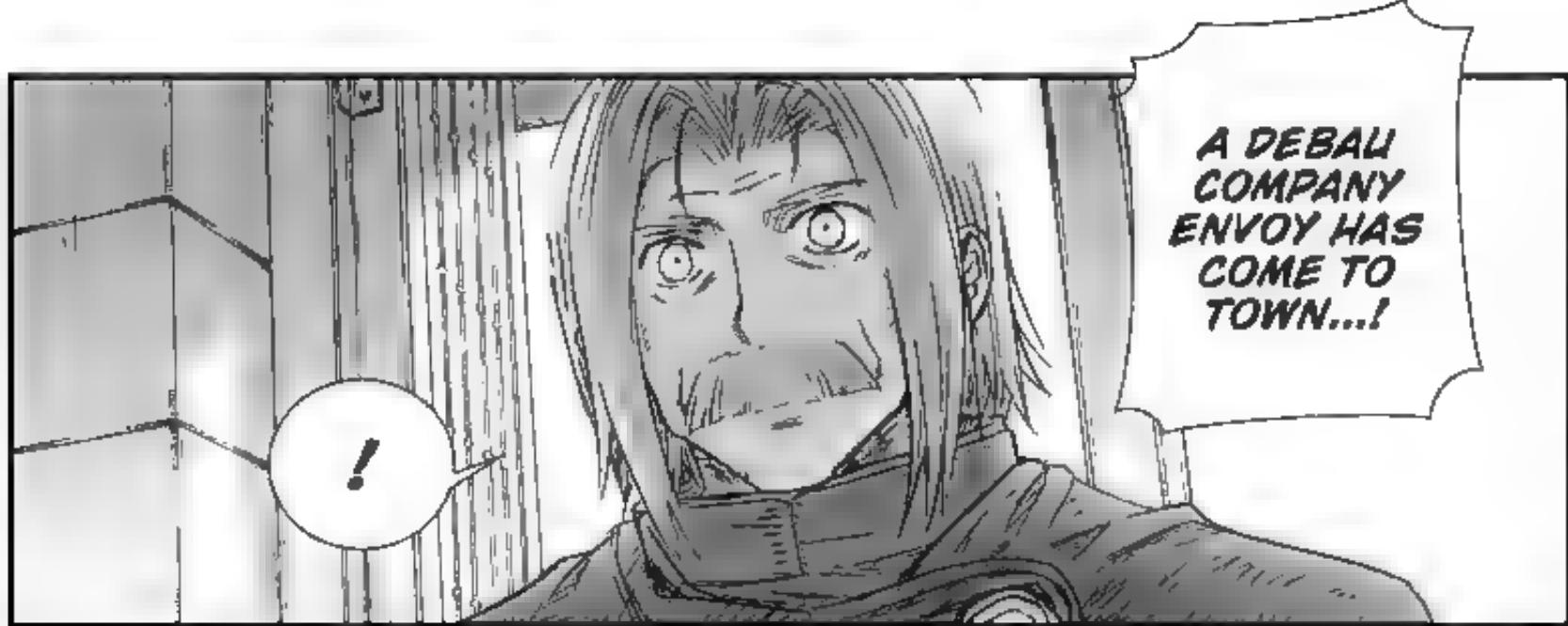




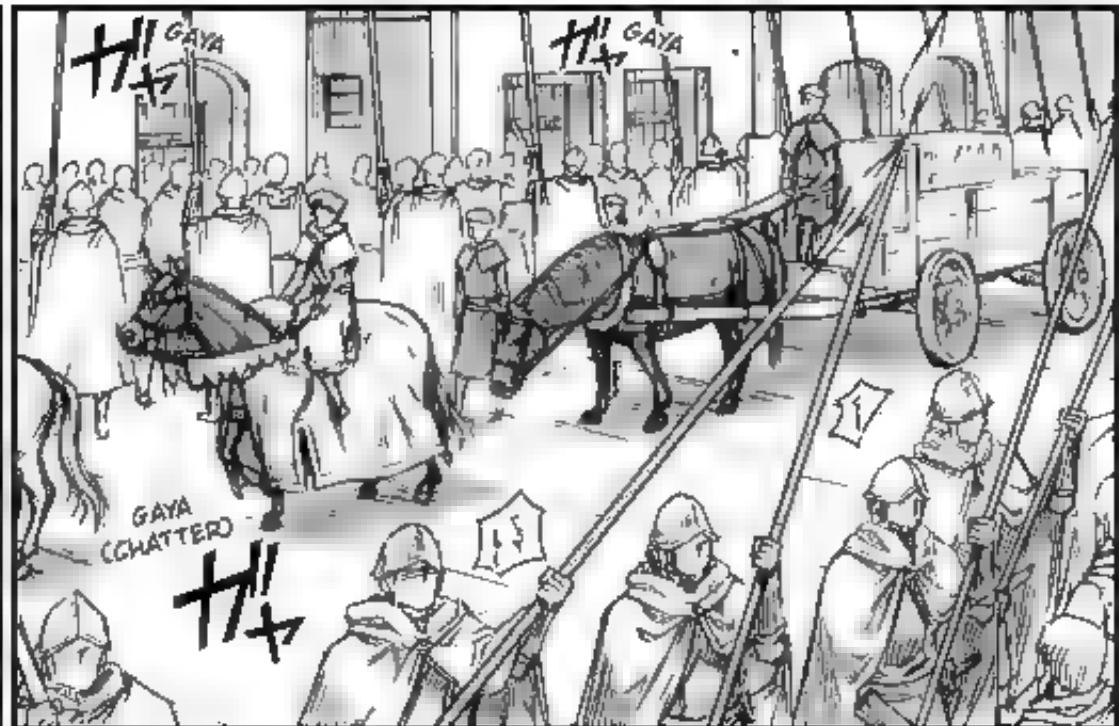
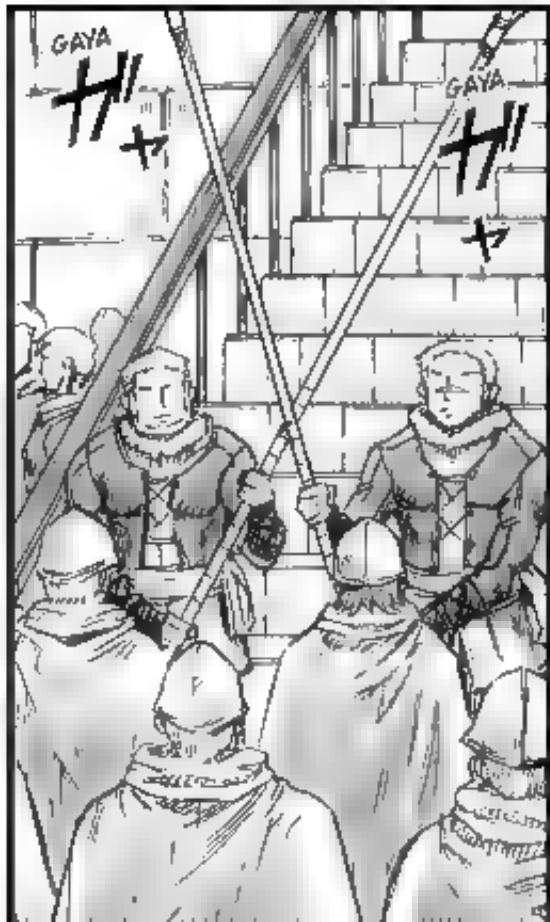
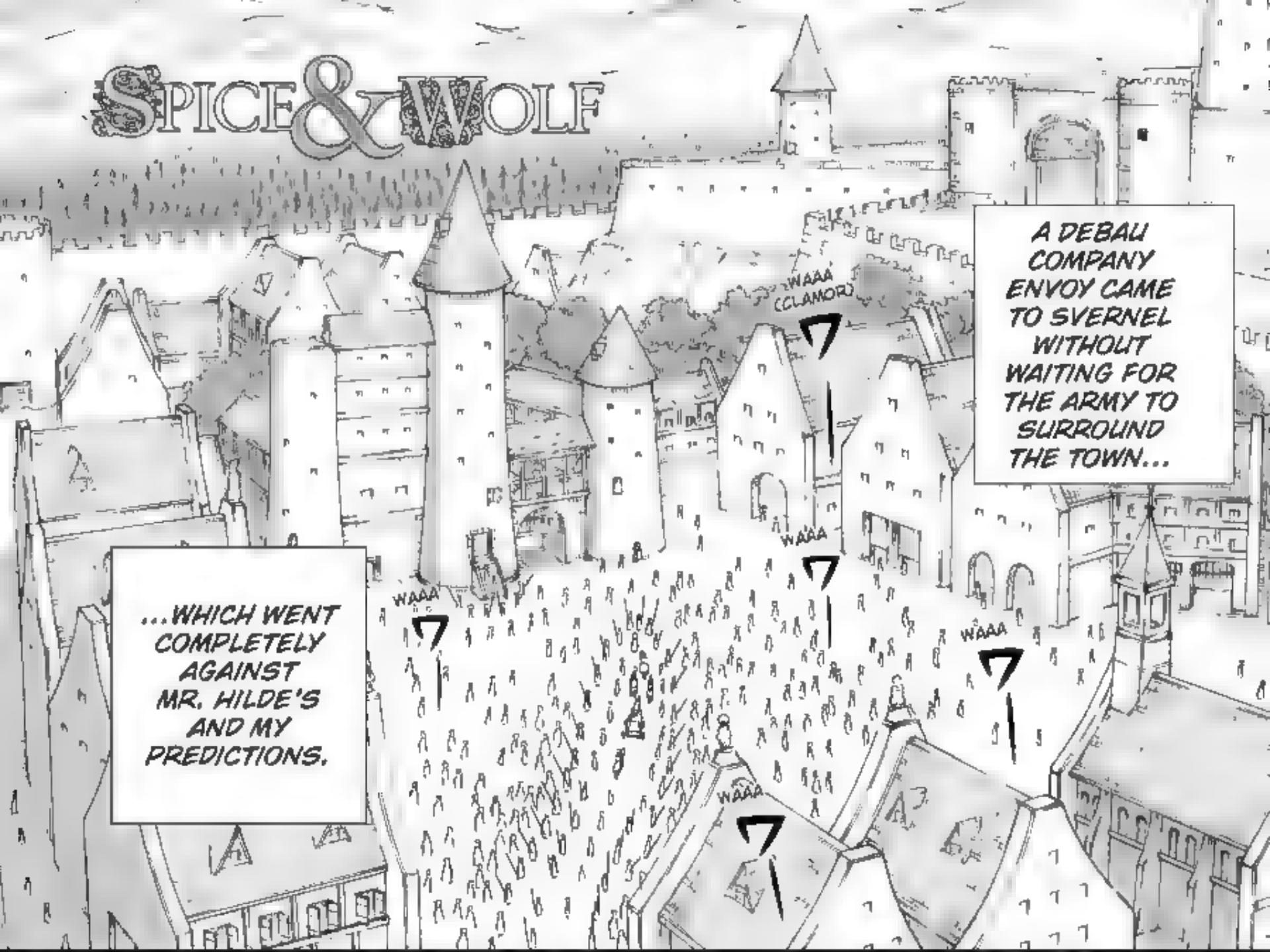
THE DEBAU COMPANY PROBABLY HAS A GREAT NUMBER OF THESE EMBOSSEERS TO CREATE THE NEW SILVER COIN.

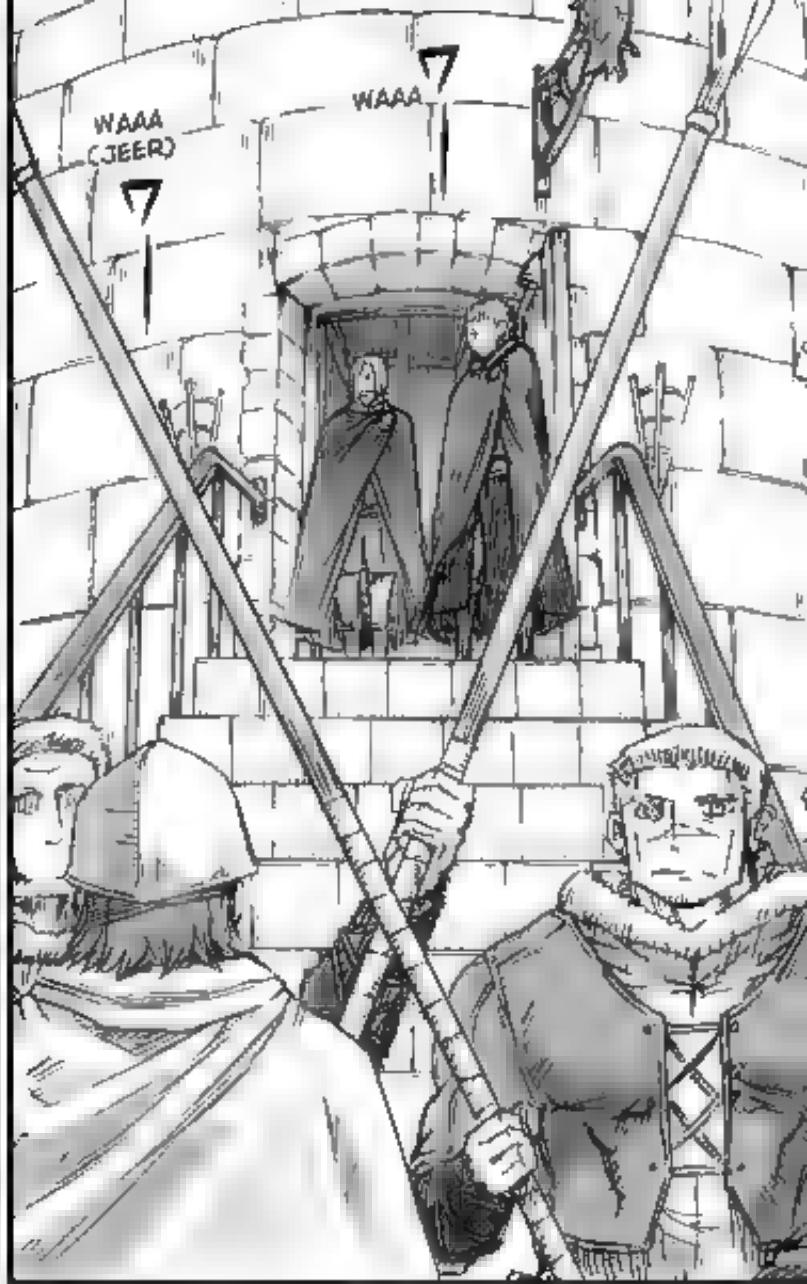






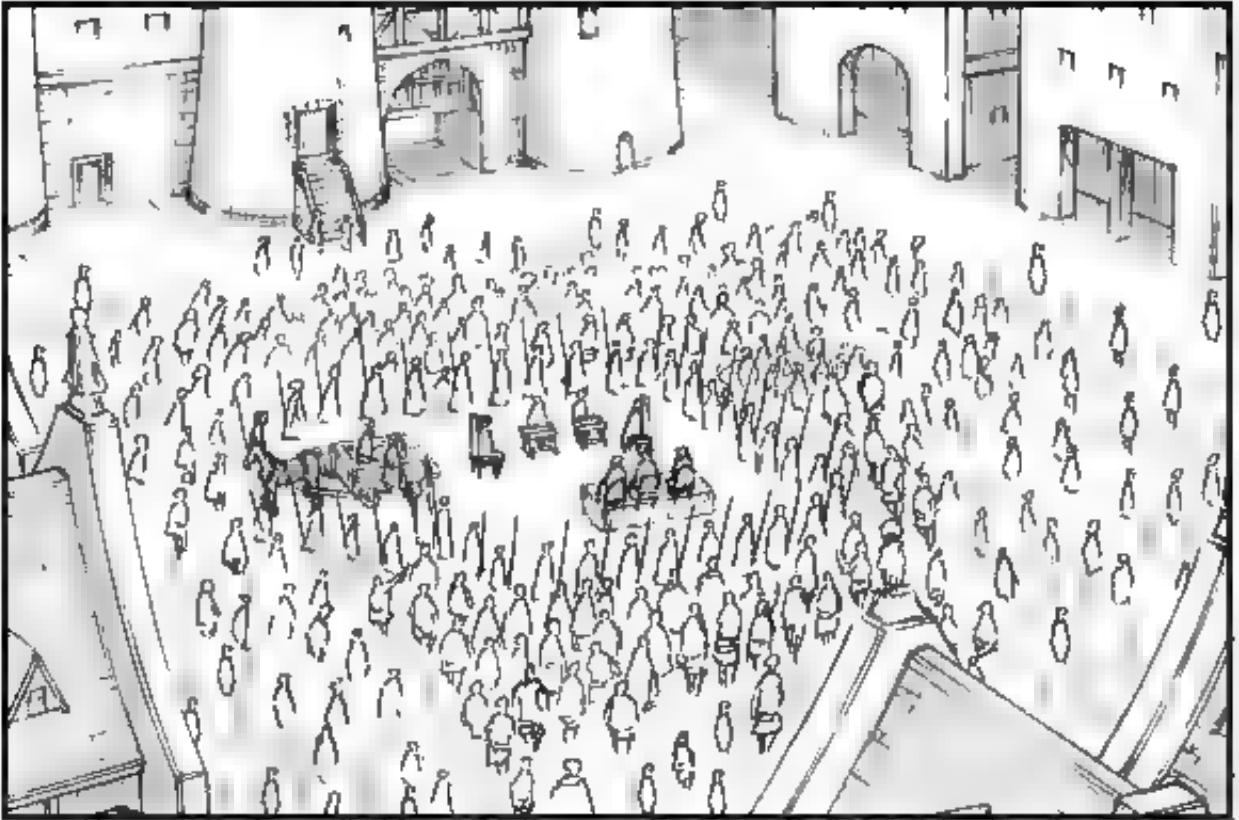
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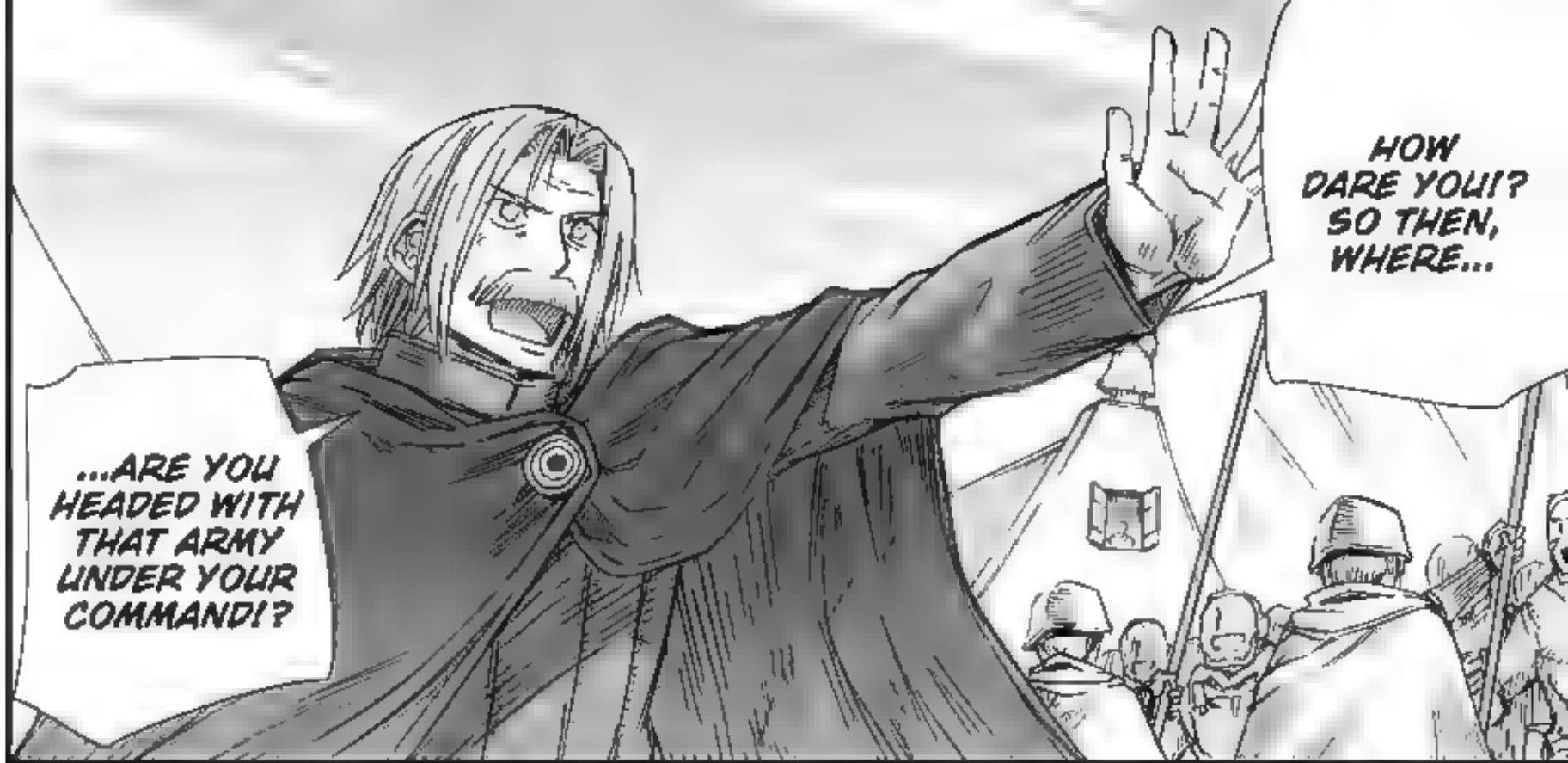


...THAT ENVOY  
WOULD HAVE A  
MUCH GREATER  
ADVANTAGE  
IN A PRIVATE  
MEETING  
ROOM.

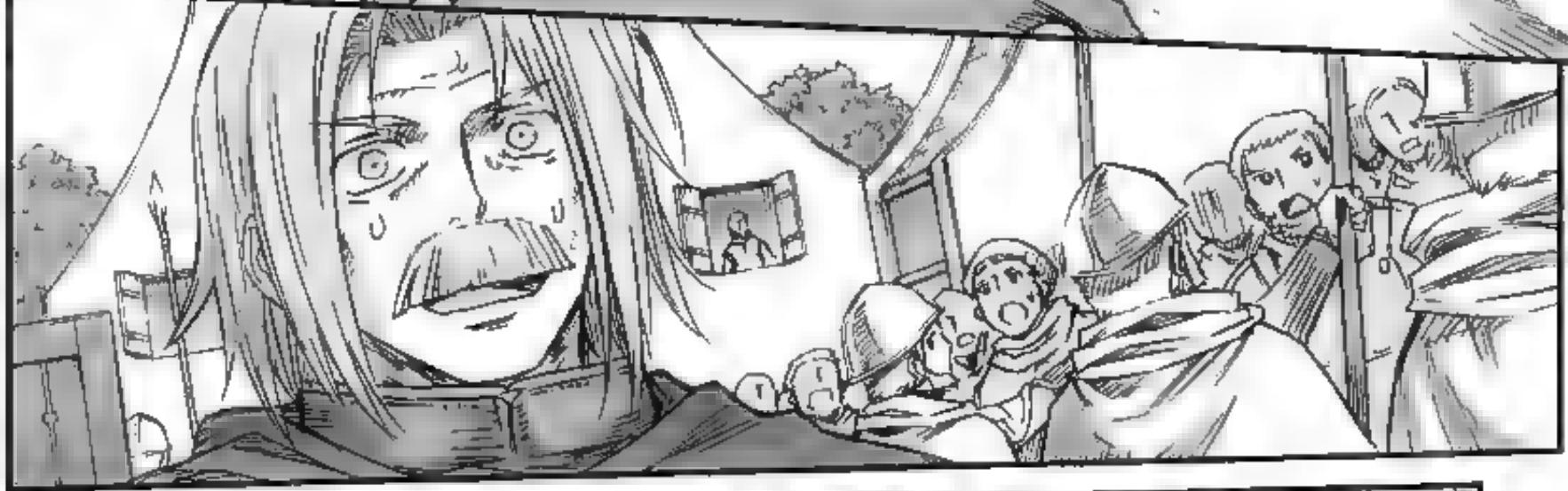
IS HE  
PLOTTING  
SOMETHING?











QUIET THE  
OPPOSITE —  
THAT IS WHY  
WE NEED  
SUCH A LARGE  
ARMY TO  
PROTECT  
US!

WE ARE  
NOT THE  
ONES  
HARMING  
THIS  
LAND!

BEHOLD!

GASHA  
(CRACK)

THH  
GASHA  
(CREAK)

HEY,  
THAT'S...

IS THIS  
REAL...?







IF YOU  
THINK I  
DECEIVE  
YOU, PICK  
ONE UP AND  
LOOK!



WE  
DISPENSE  
THESE  
SILVER  
COINS  
FOR OUR  
TRADE!



WAAA  
I AM A  
MERCHANT!  
MERCHANTS  
DO NO HARM!



THEY'RE  
REAL! REAL  
SILVER  
COINS!!

WAAA  
I KNOW  
IF I SOW  
THESE SILVER  
COINS, THEY  
WILL GROW  
AND BIRTH  
EVEN MORE  
COINS!

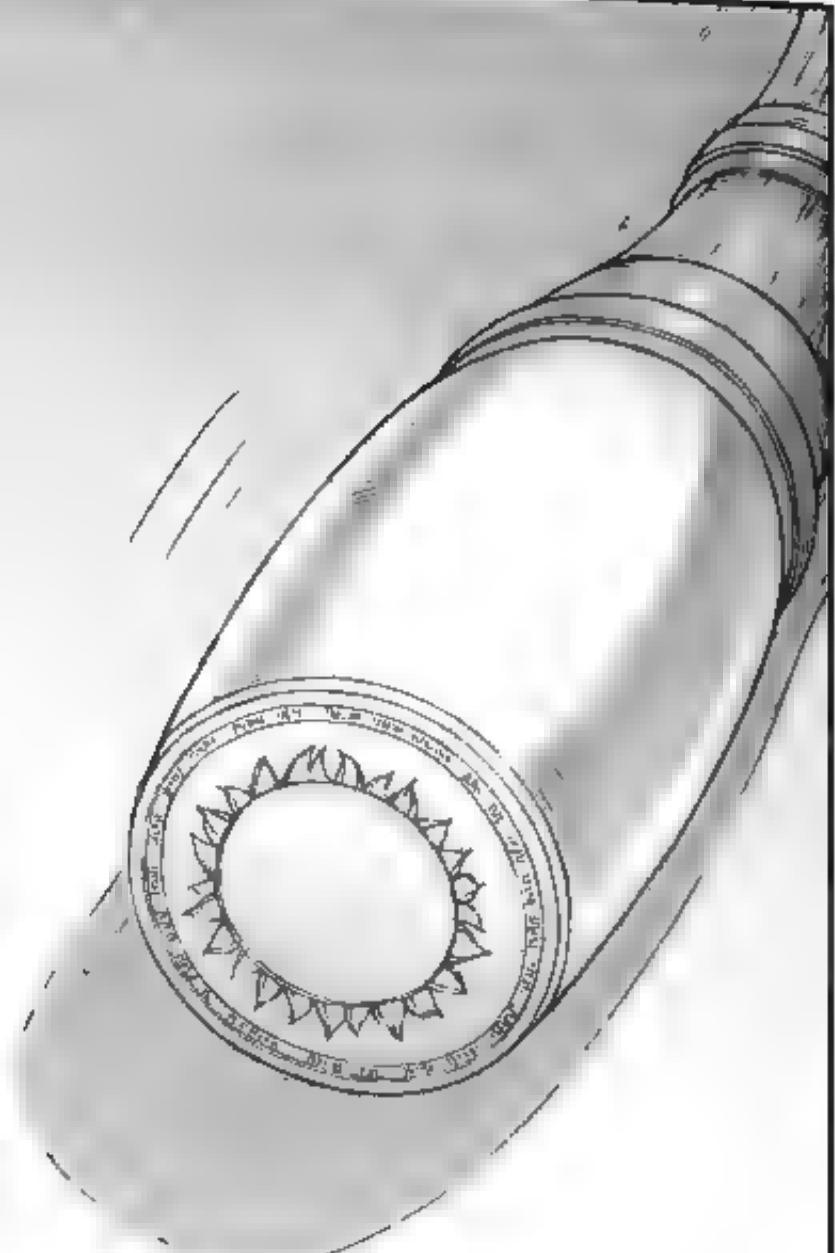
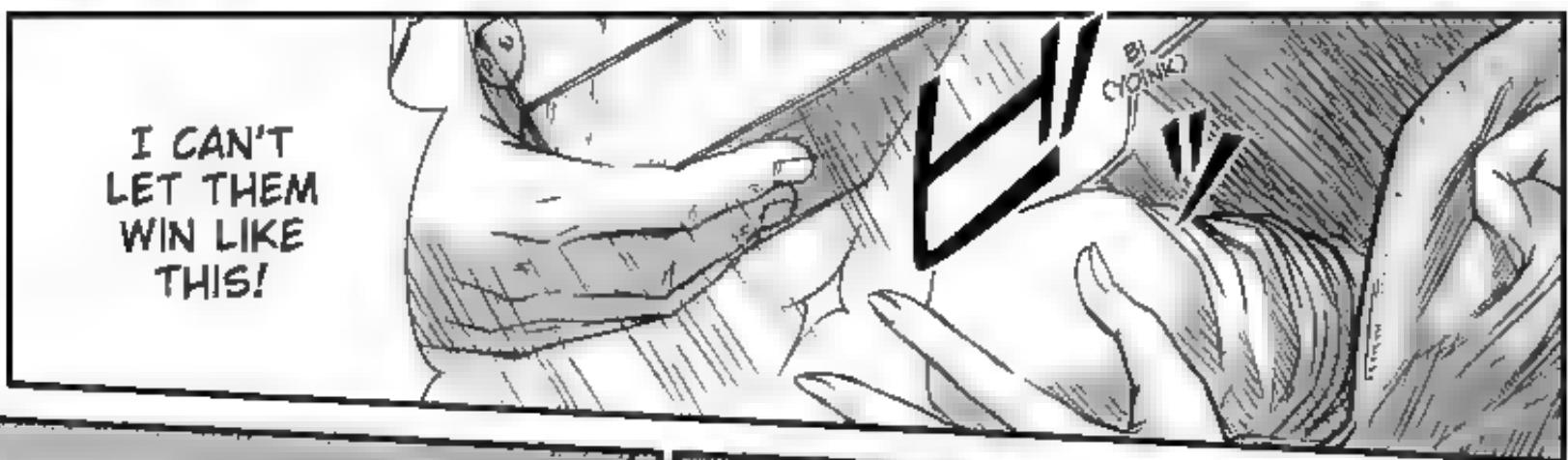
GO! TAKE IT! THE DEBAU  
COMPANY DISPENSES SILVER  
COINS TO THE PEOPLE!

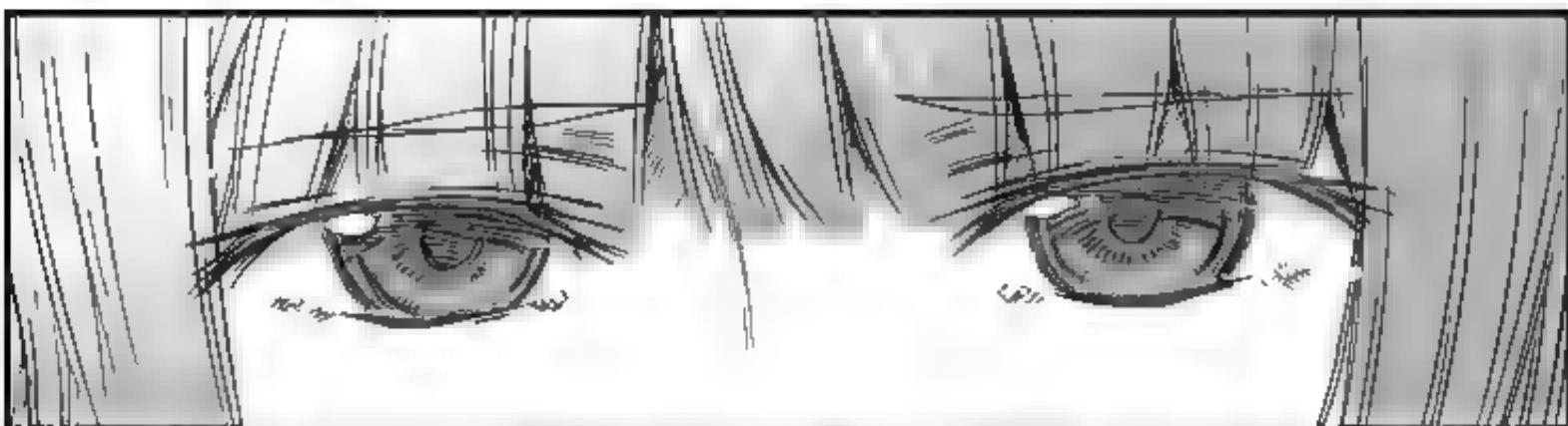












...EVEN  
I COULD  
NOT HAVE  
ENDURED IT  
WITHOUT  
YOU.



I WAS ABLE  
TO WALK  
BECAUSE YOU  
PULLED ME  
ALONG.

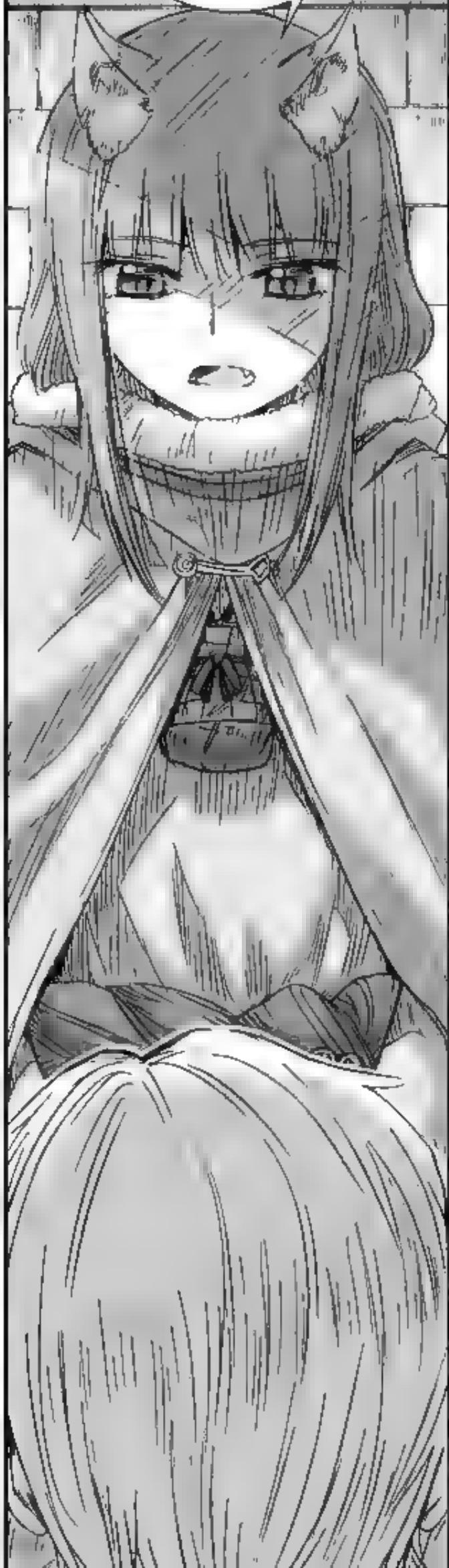
SO...

AND ANNA  
BIRDSONG  
ARTIST  
420  
AN UNARMED  
WARRIOR  
FOR THE WORLD  
AND THE  
WORLD

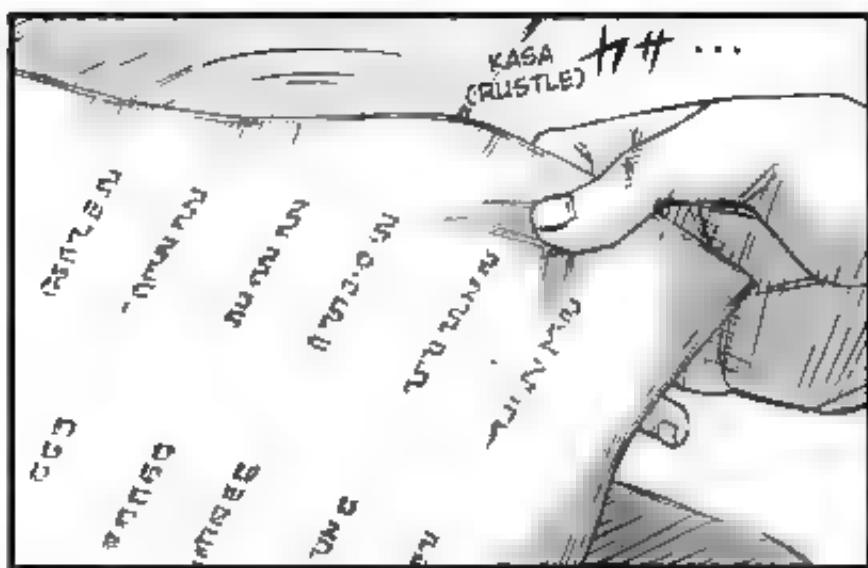
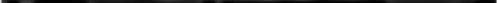
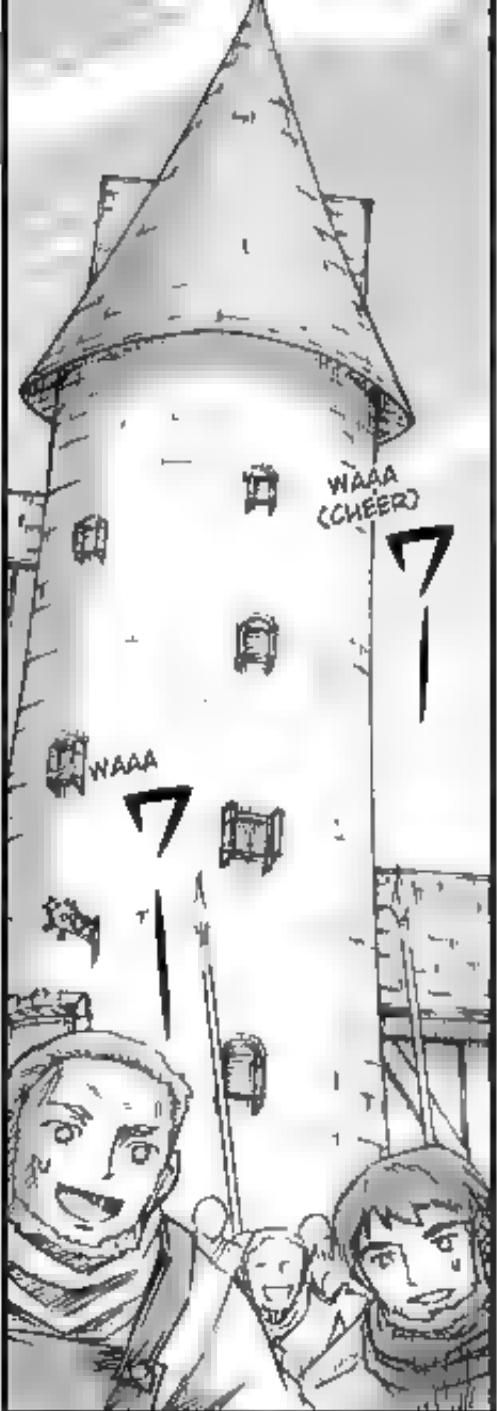
YET,  
STILL....

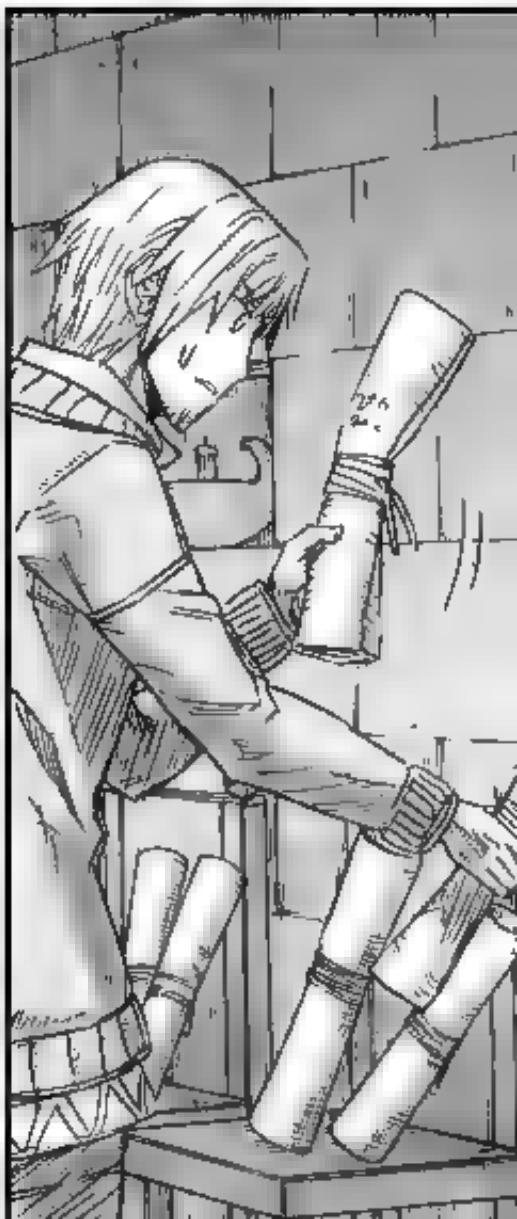
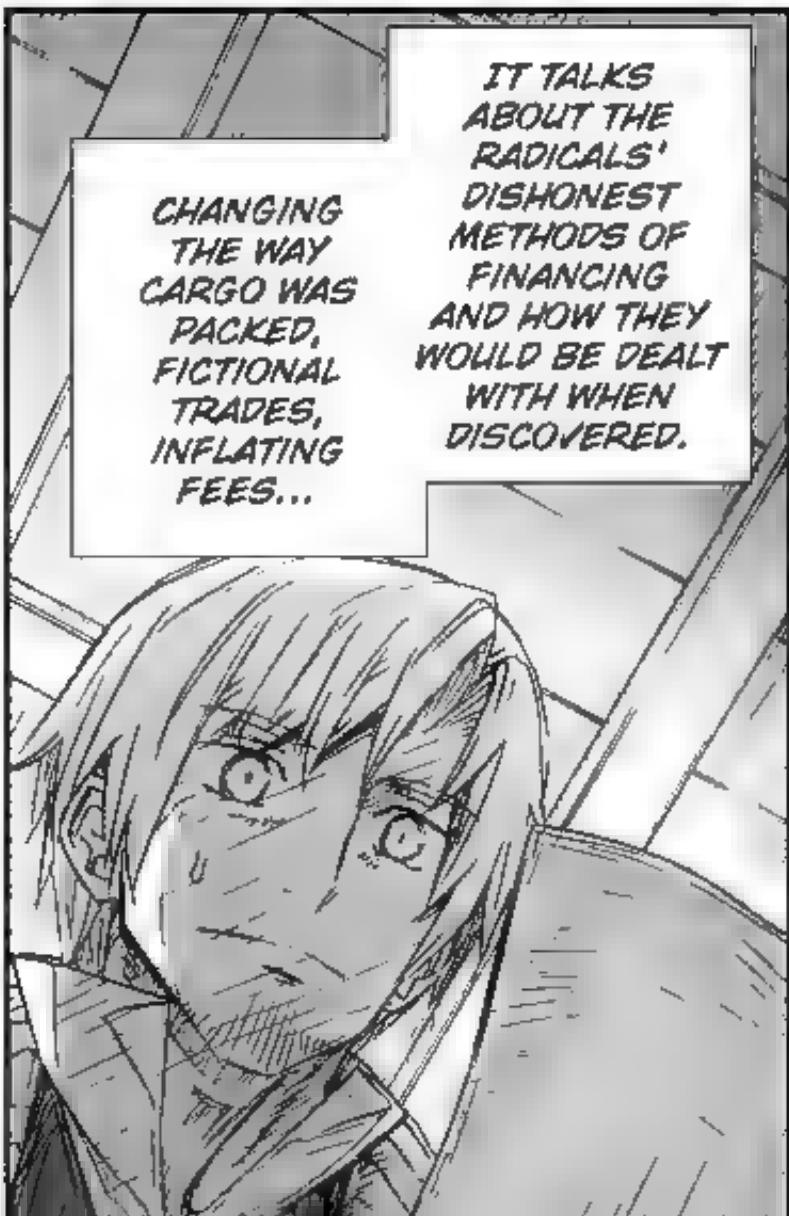


'TIS BY  
ENDURING IT  
I HAVE COME  
THIS FAR.











A BOND THAT  
WAS BEING  
SENT STRAIGHT  
TO LESKO  
WITHOUT BEING  
CONVERTED  
INTO COIN IN  
KERUBE.

WHEN WE  
MET COL,  
THE SAILORS  
HAD BEEN  
PERPLEXED BY  
A STRANGE BILL  
OF EXCHANGE  
THEY HAD TO  
TRANSPORT.



GOLD  
WAS CHEAP.  
SILVER WAS  
EXPENSIVE.

NO DOUBT  
MANY PEOPLE  
JUMPED AT  
THE MARKET  
DIFFERENCE  
TO MAKE A  
BOATLOAD  
OF COIN.

THAT WAS  
PROBABLY  
BECAUSE THE  
BILL WAS SO  
LARGE KERUBE  
COULD NOT PAY  
THE COIN.

THE MONEY  
PRICES IN  
LESKO WERE  
ABNORMAL  
COMPARED  
TO OTHER  
TOWNS.

IF THAT WERE THE CASE, THEN AN UNBELIEVABLE AMOUNT OF GOLD SHOULD BE RESTING WITH THE DEBAU COMPANY IN LESKO.

ONE ROUND-TRIP BROUGHT THE PROFIT OF EIGHT SILVER PER ONE GOLD COIN.

...ONE COULD TAKE IT AND TURN IT INTO GOLD IN KERUBE, EXCHANGE IT FOR SILVER, AND MAKE LOTS OF MONEY WITH LITTLE EFFORT.

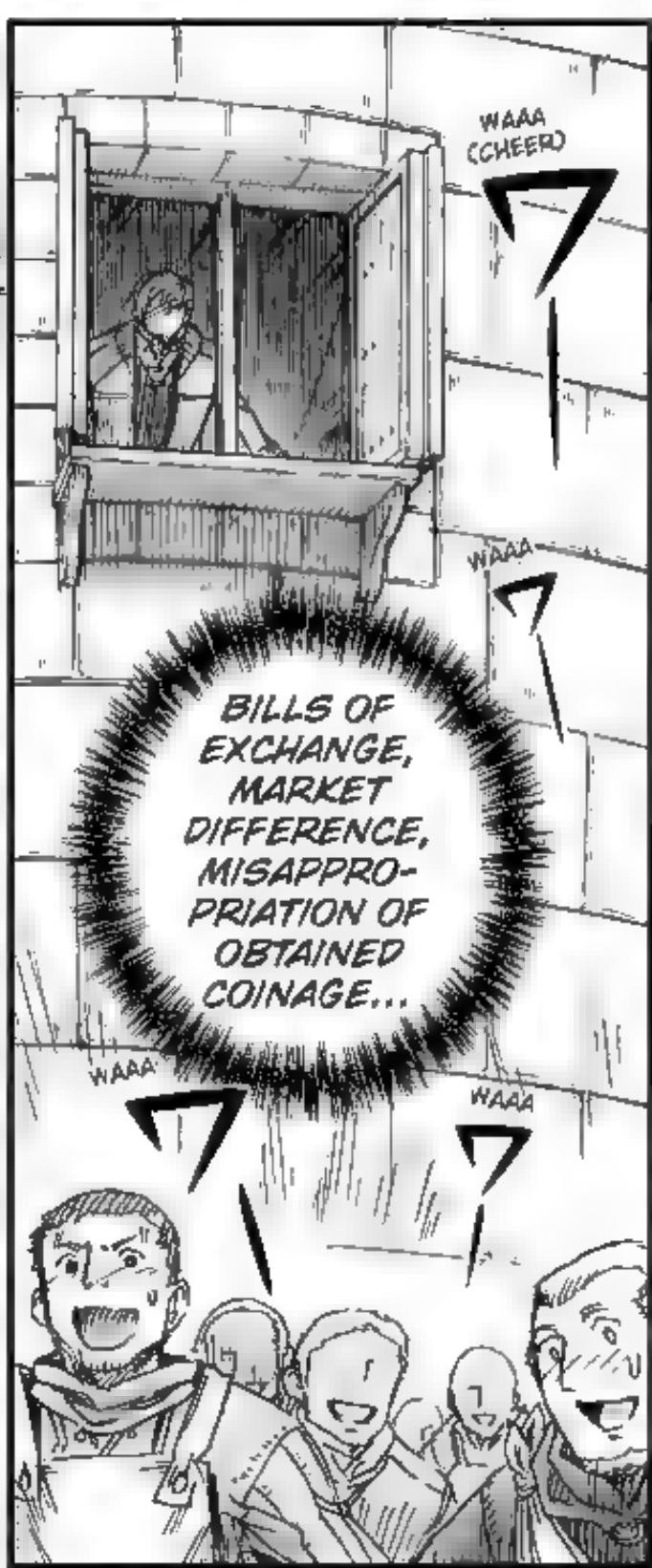
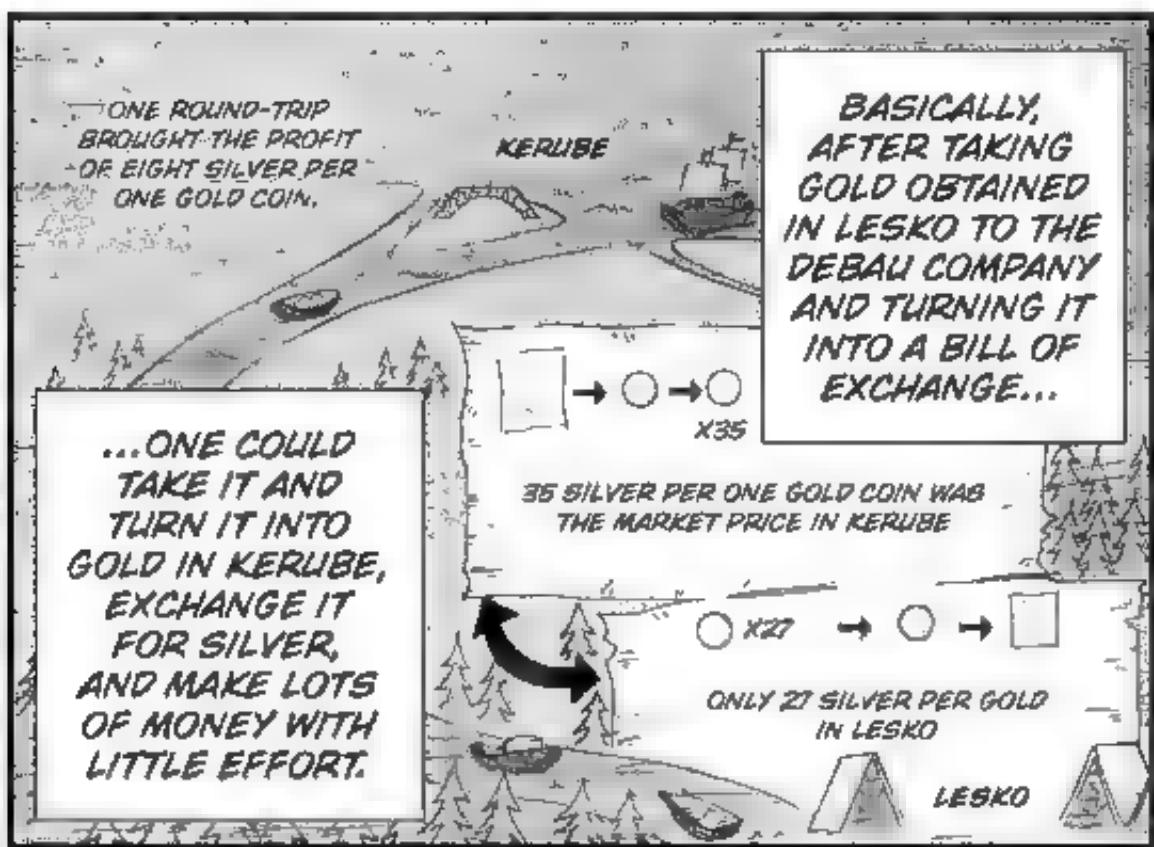
BASICALLY, AFTER TAKING GOLD OBTAINED IN LESKO TO THE DEBAU COMPANY AND TURNING IT INTO A BILL OF EXCHANGE...

35 SILVER PER ONE GOLD COIN WAS THE MARKET PRICE IN KERUBE

ONLY 27 SILVER PER GOLD IN LESKO

BUT IT'S STILL NOT ENOUGH TO CALM THE CROWD AND SILENCE YANARKIN...

BILLS OF EXCHANGE, MARKET DIFFERENCE, MISAPPROPRIATION OF OBTAINED COINAGE...



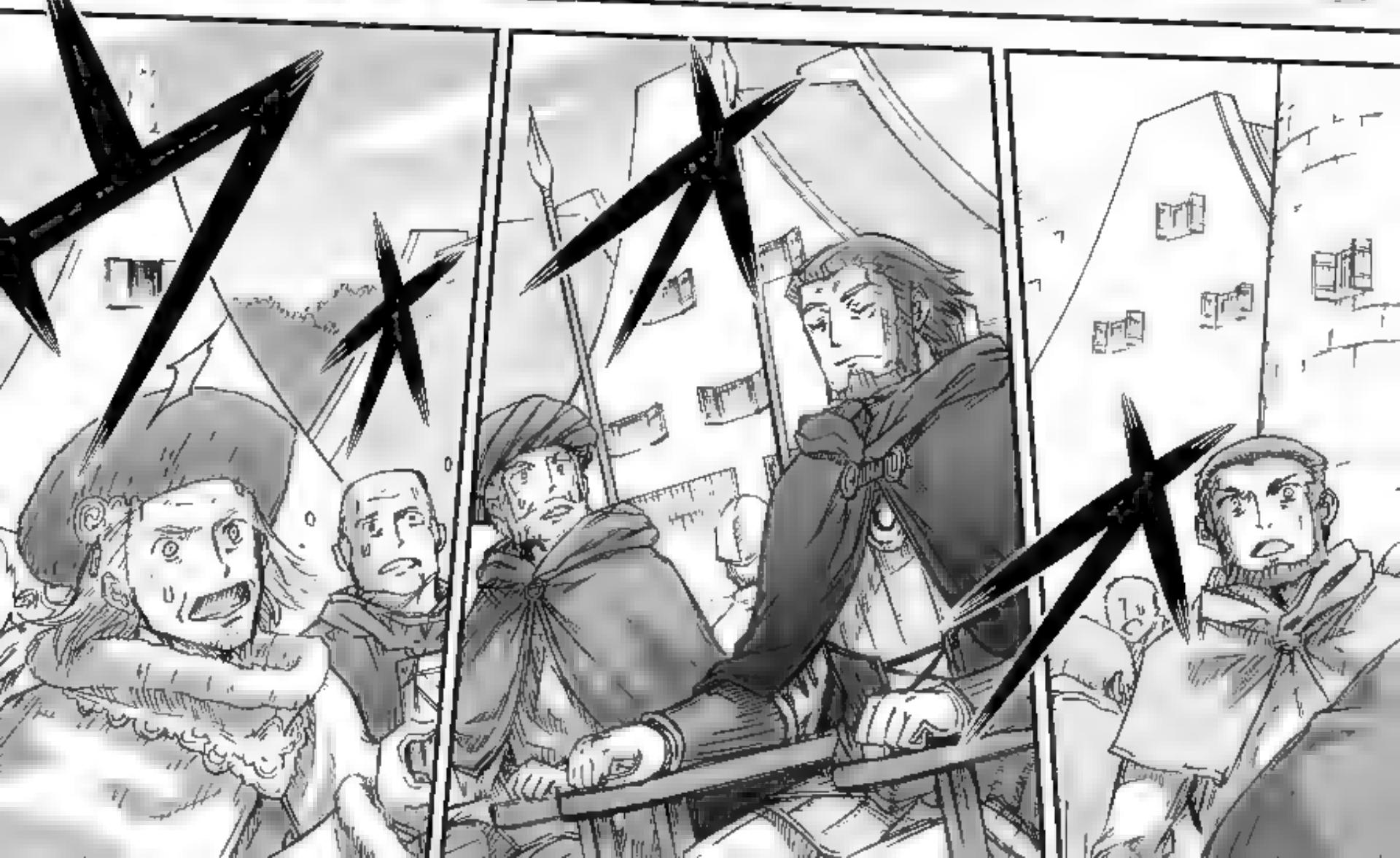




I AM SOFTHEARTED AT TIMES AS WELL.

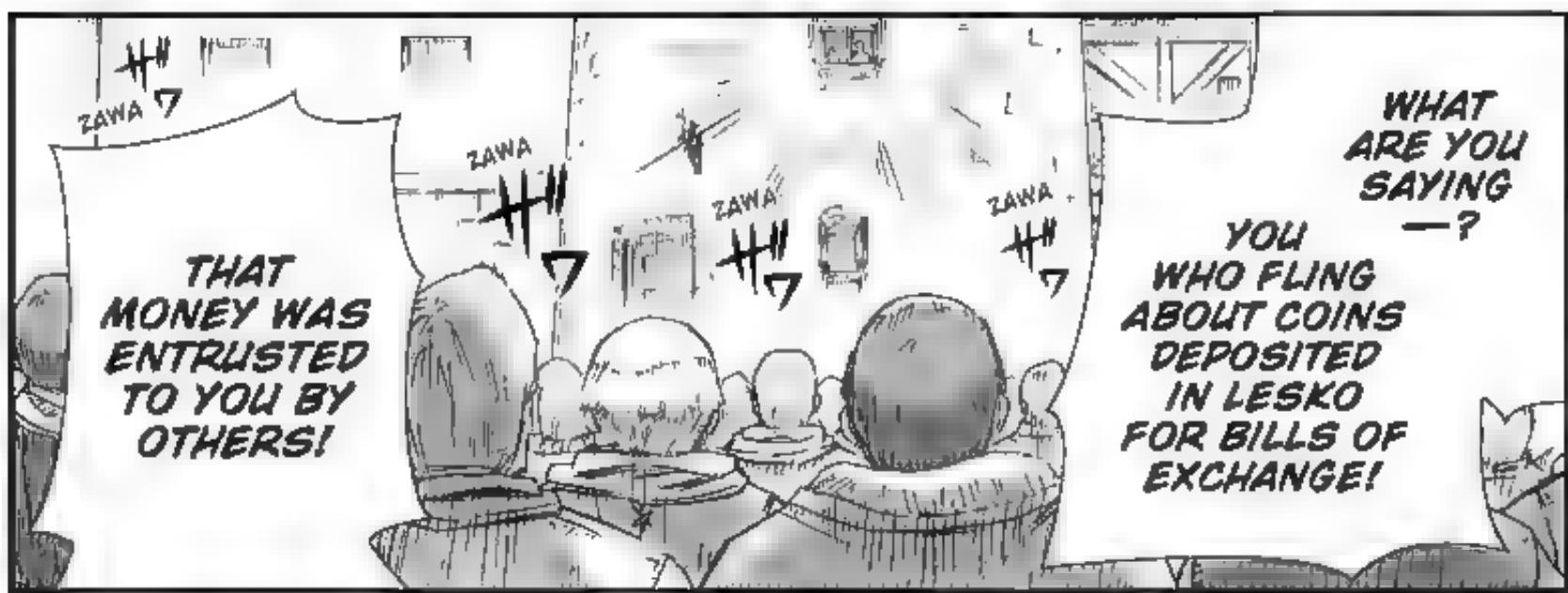
























AS YOU FLUNG THESE SILVER COINS ABOUT!

YOU SPOKE OF HOW, BY SOWING THESE SILVER COINS, THEY WILL GROW AND BIRTH EVEN MORE COINS!



IT'S A NUN...!

THEY SWITCHED!



THE CHURCH DOES NOT APPROVE OF INTEREST!



BUT IF THEY WERE TO GIVE BIRTH TO ANYTHING, THAT WOULD BE INTEREST!

DO YOU INTEND TO ANGER THE CHURCH AND HAVE THEM INVADE, BRINGING DESTRUCTION TO A BLAMELESS LAND?

WHAT IS YOUR OBJECTIVE?

SHE'S FROM THE CHURCH?





THIS  
MEETING  
IS OVER!

...THE  
DIRECTION  
OF  
SVERNEL'S  
FUTURE!

BASED ON  
THIS RESULT,  
WE WILL  
DISCUSS  
IN THE CITY  
COUNCIL...

SA  
(FLAP)



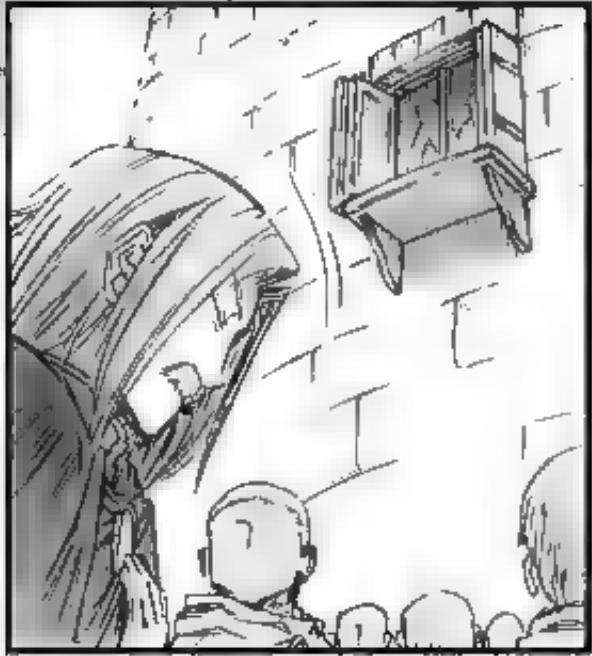


WE WON  
AGAINST  
VILLAINS WHO  
HAD TRIED  
TO SEIZE THE  
HEARTS OF  
THE PEOPLE BY  
FLAUNTING  
COIN.

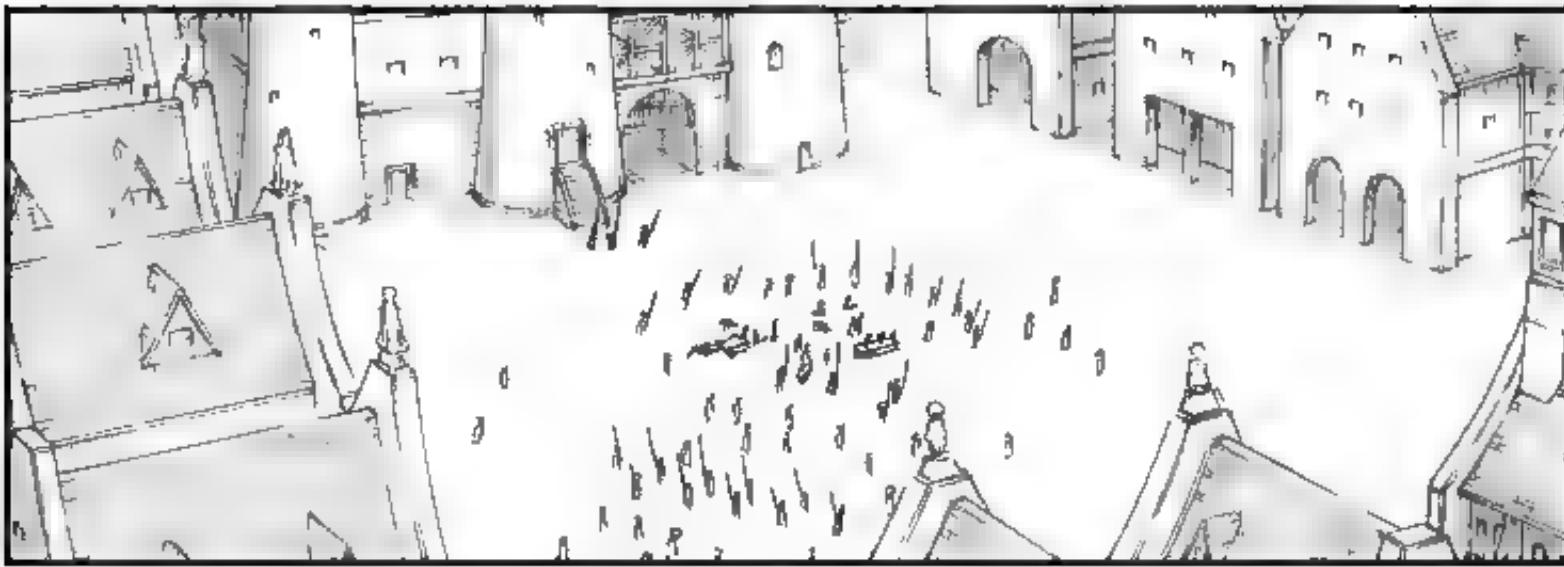


WE WON!  
IT WAS A  
COMPLETE  
VICTORY.

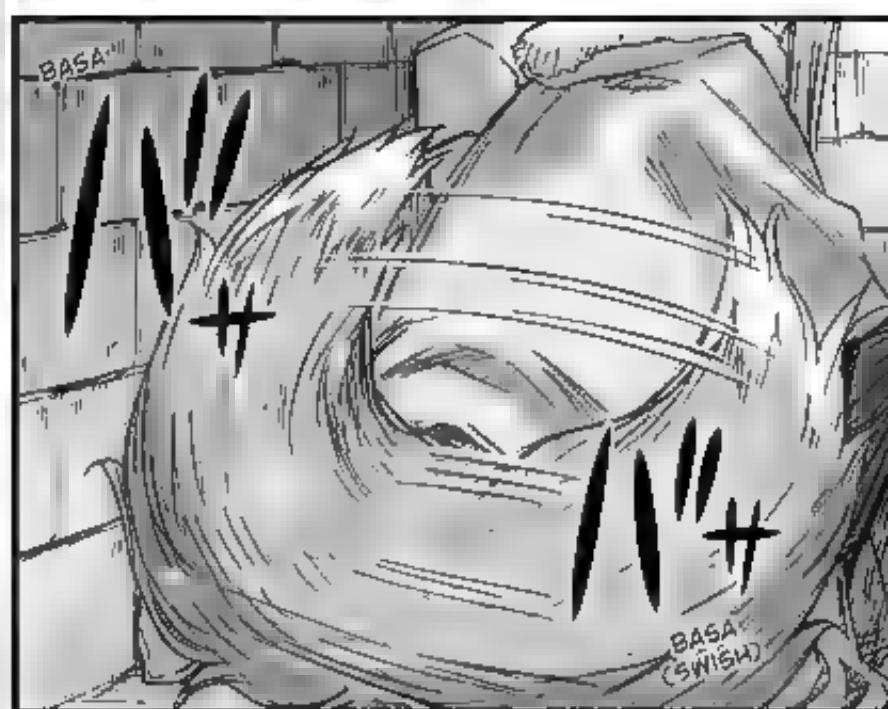
HAAH...





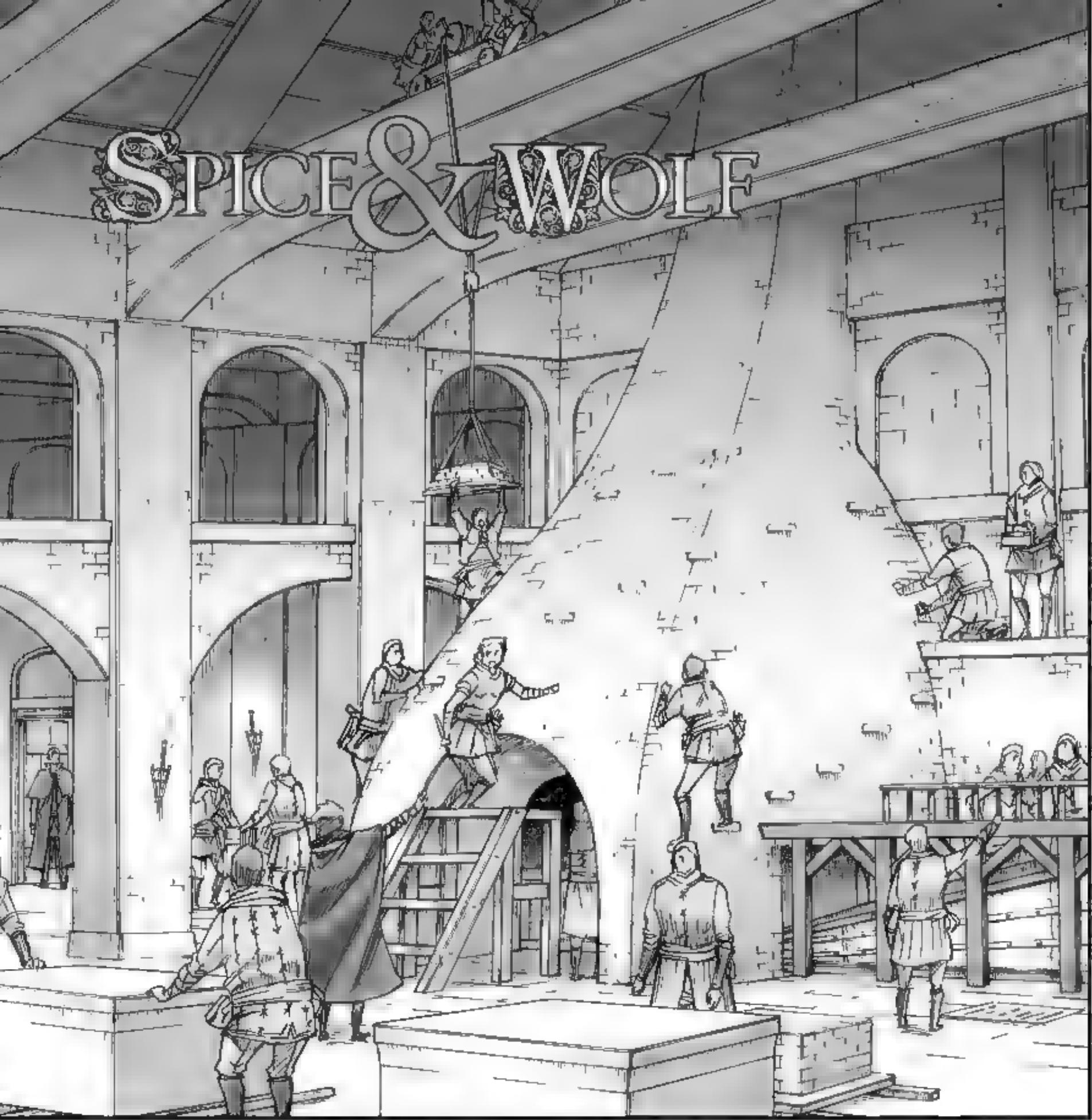












...THEY  
HELD TWO  
MEETINGS  
IN JEAN  
MILLIKE'S  
CASTLE.

AFTER  
THAT WHOLE  
COMMOTION  
...

YANARKIN  
NEVER  
REGAINED  
POWER...

...AND THEY  
DECIDED TO KEEP  
THE TOWN GATES  
FIRMLY SHUT  
IN WAKE OF THE  
ARMY CLOSING  
IN ON SVERNEL.

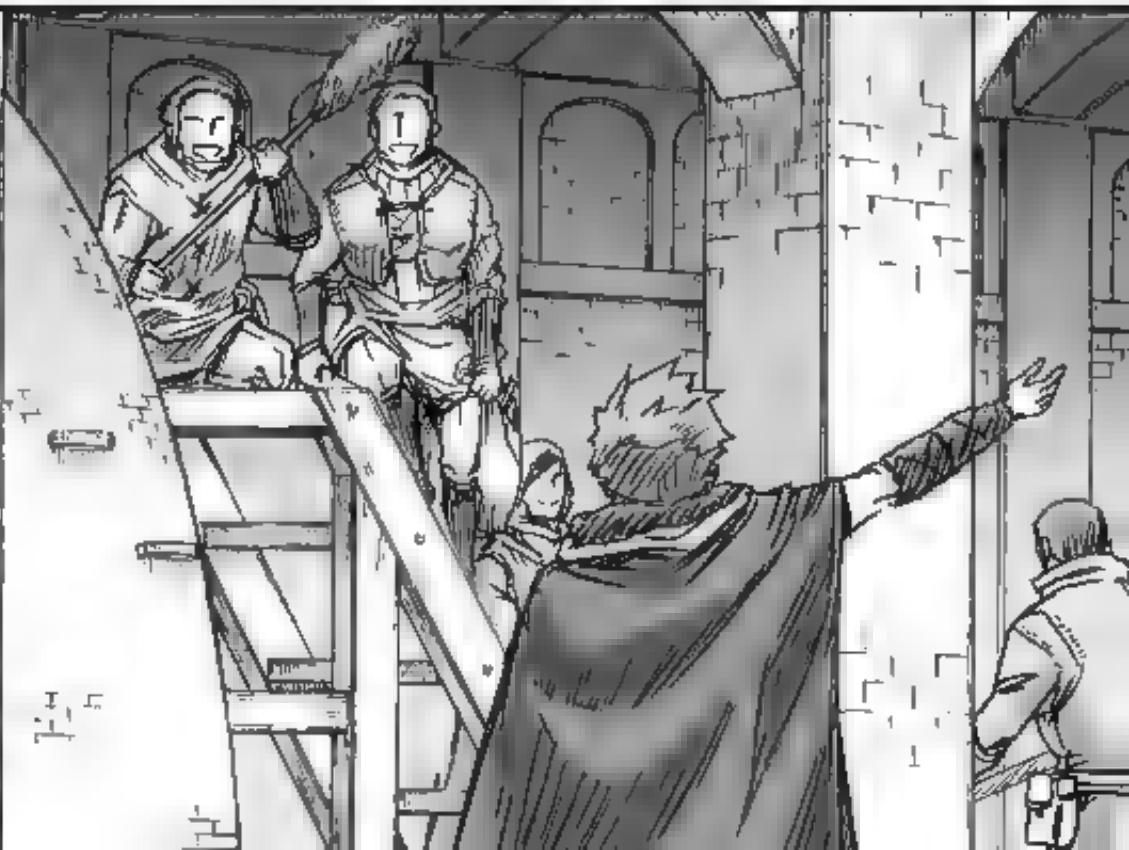
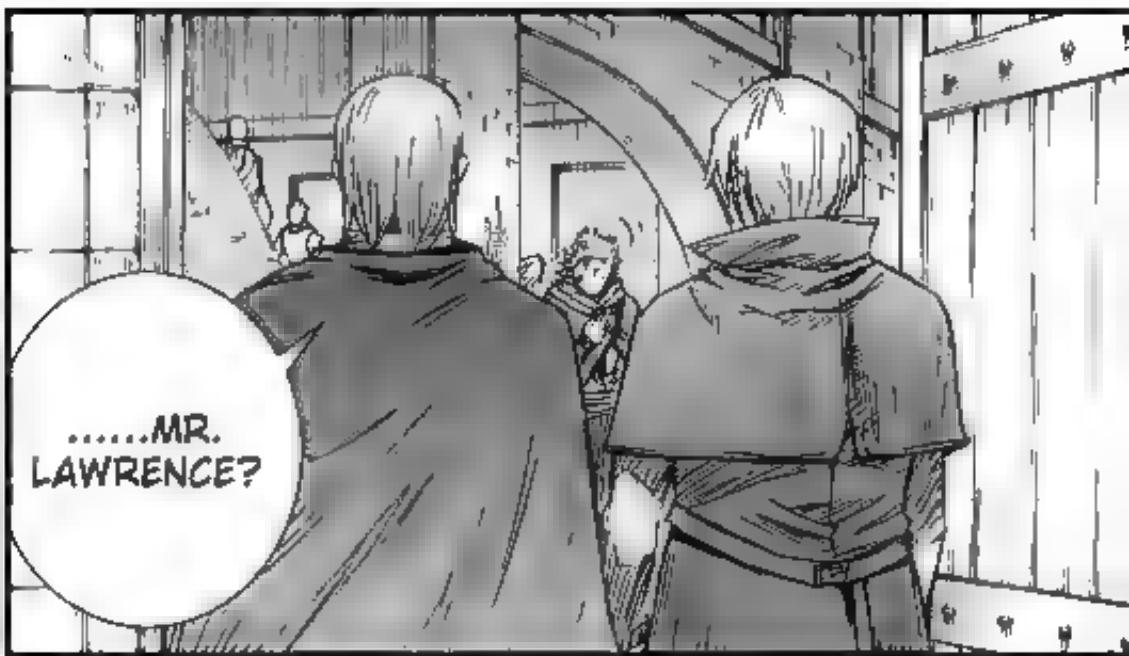
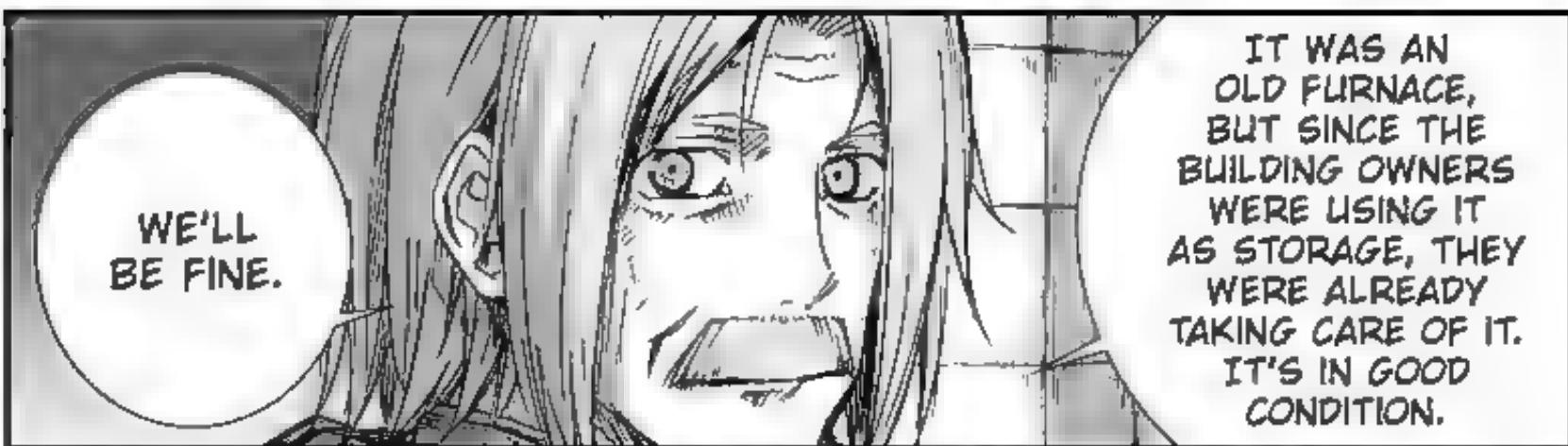
THEY GAVE  
A LETTER OF  
GOODWILL  
FOR YANARKIN  
TO DELIVER,  
AND HE WAS  
DRAGGED OUT  
OF TOWN LIKE  
A CRIMINAL.

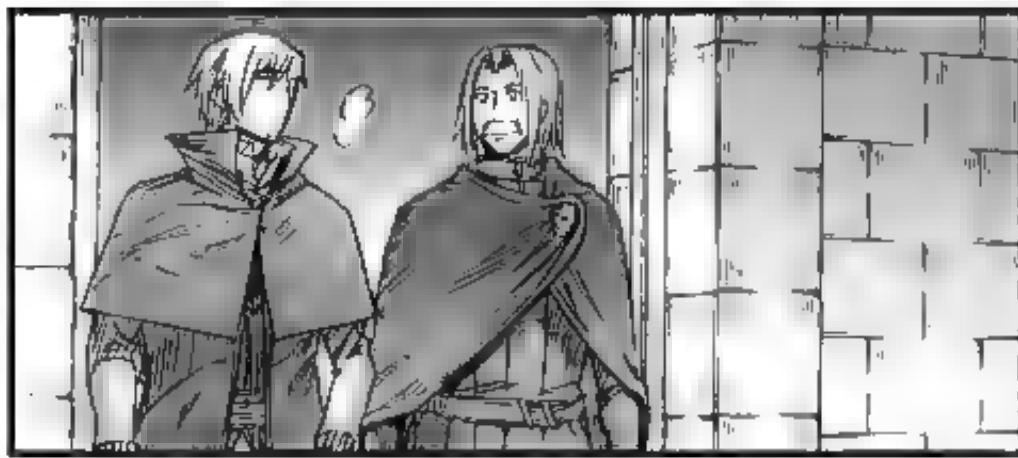
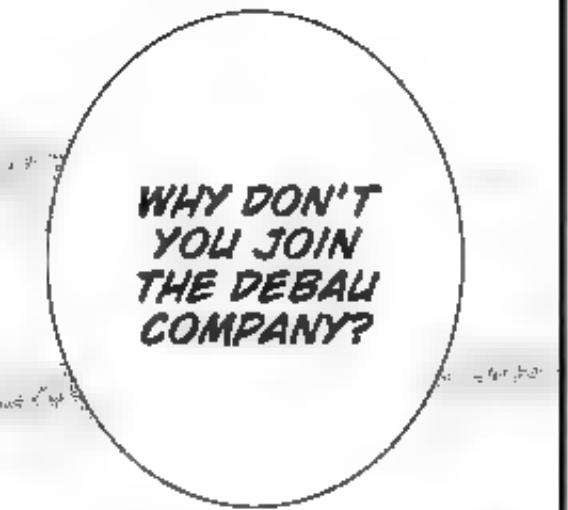
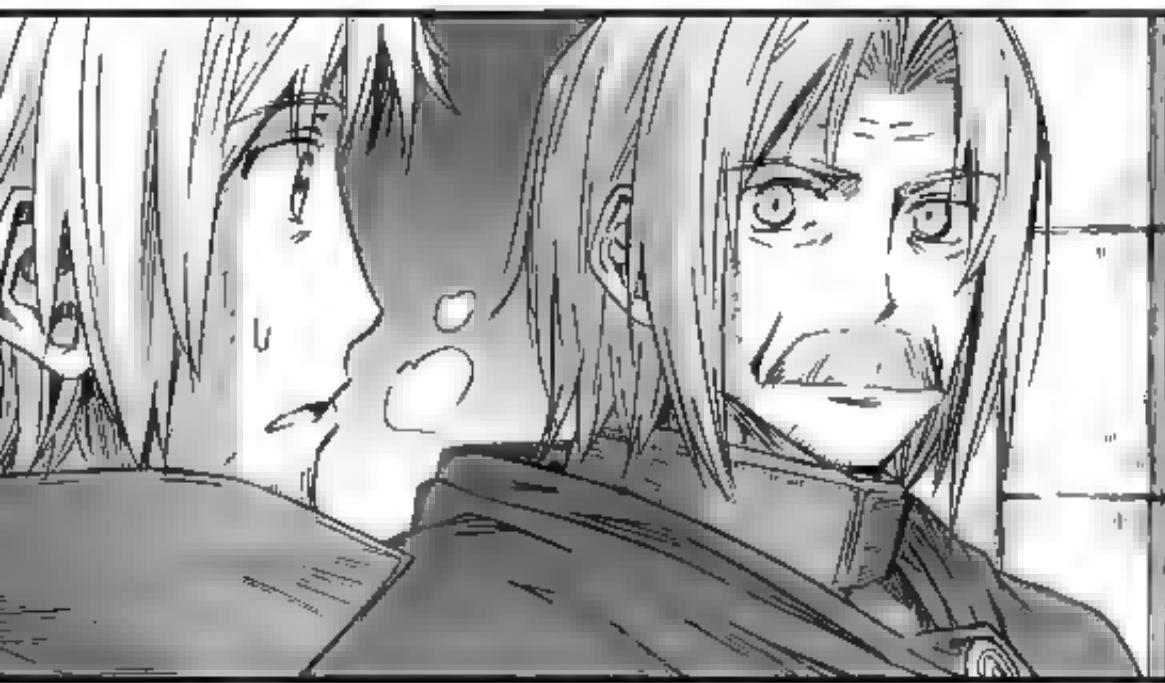


MR. HILDE WENT TO MR. MILLIKE WITH A PLAN OF SECURITY FROM THE DEBALU COMPANY TO SVERNEL.

AND THAT WAS TO INSTALL A MINT FOR THE ISSUANCE OF THE DEBALU COMPANY'S NEW GOLD COIN IN SVERNEL.





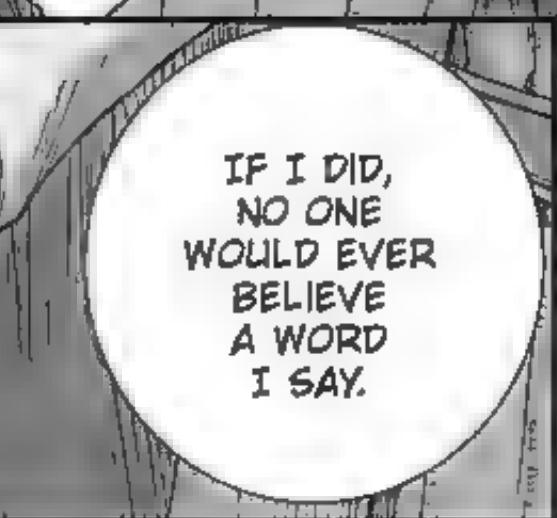




THAT'S WHY  
I CAN'T.



I MUST  
RESPECTFULLY  
DECLINE.

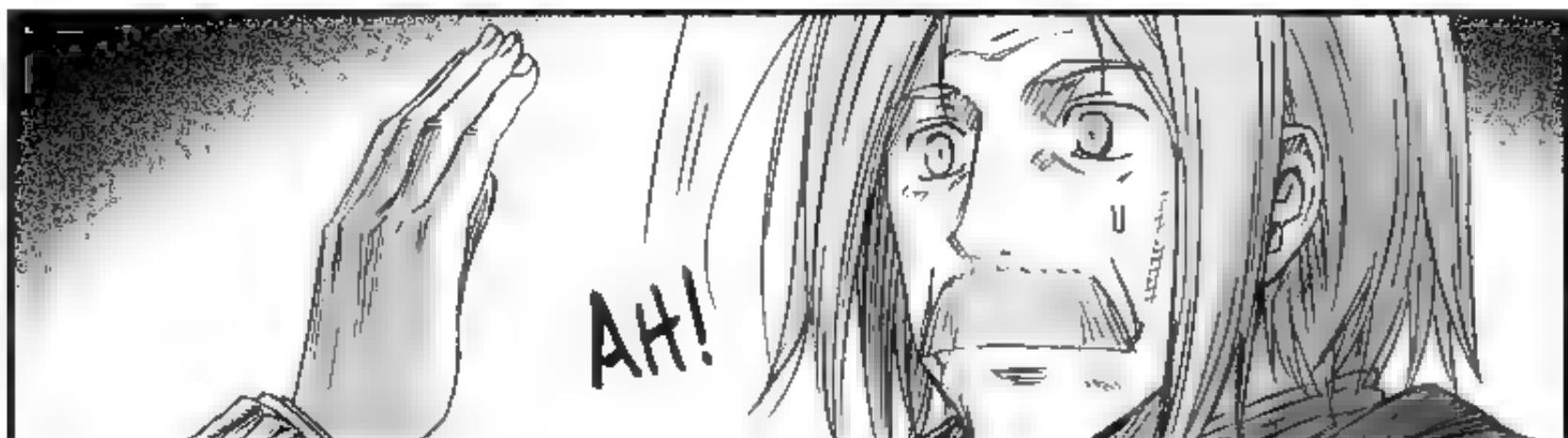


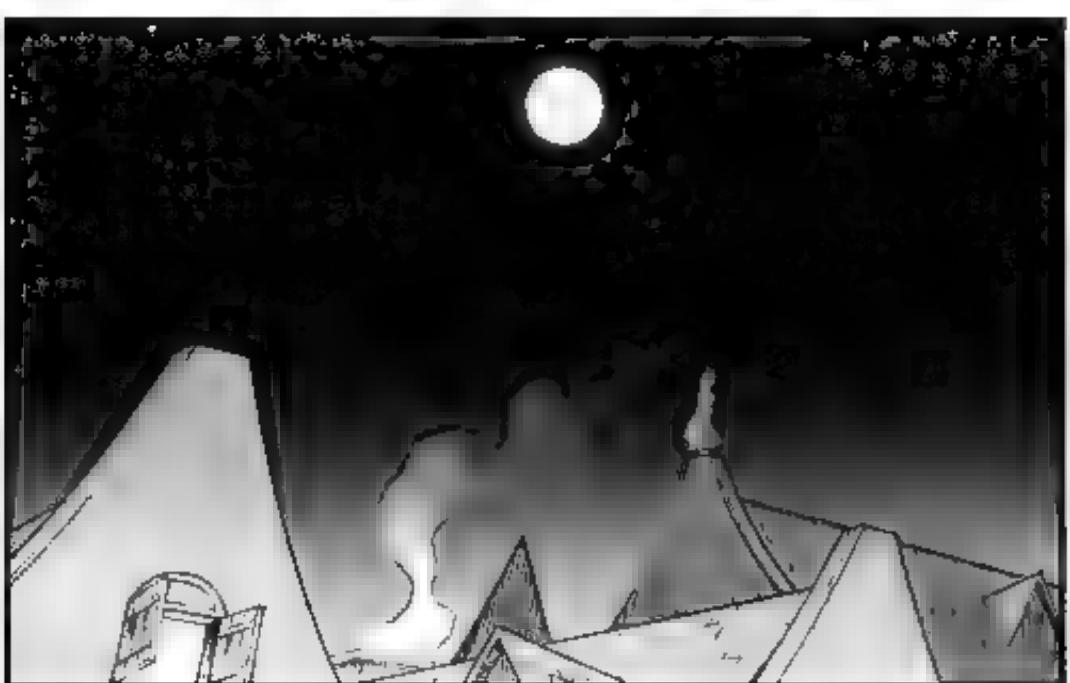
IF I DID,  
NO ONE  
WOULD EVER  
BELIEVE  
A WORD  
I SAY.



THAT'S  
TOO BAD.









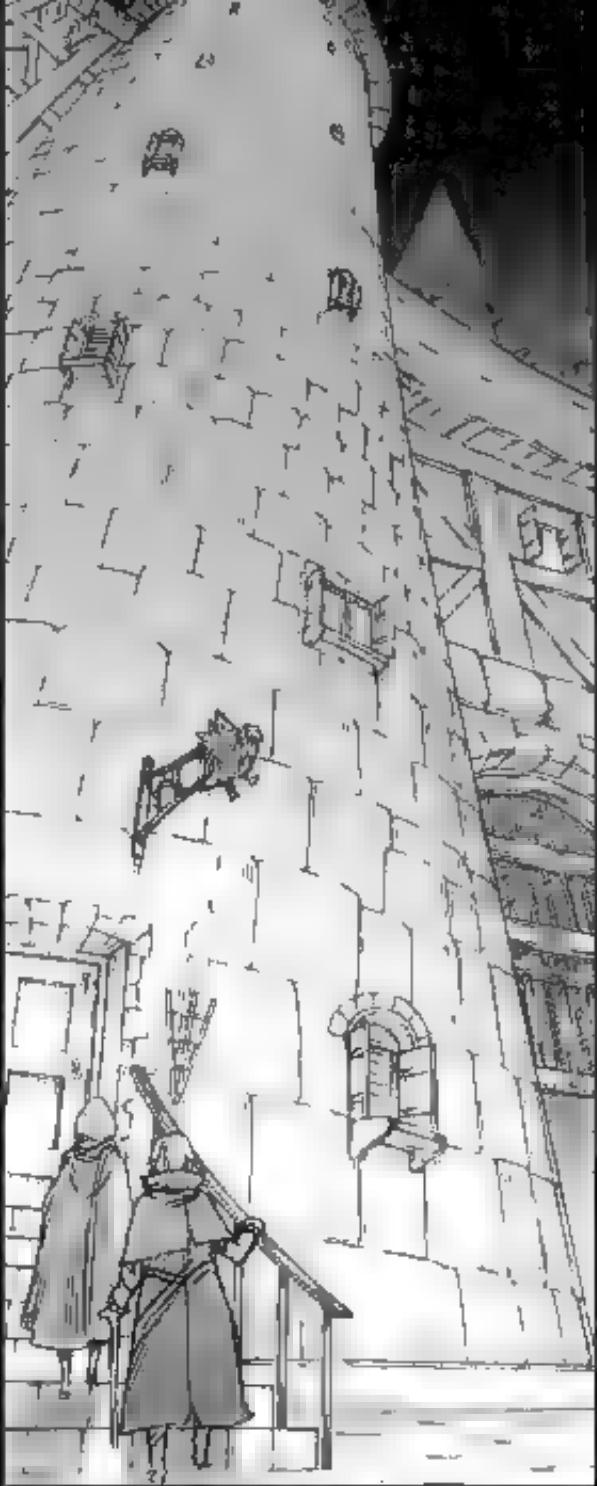


















...OR  
HOLO WILL  
BE THE ONE  
TO GIVE ME  
THE TERRIBLE  
FATE...  
PROBABLY  
BOTH.

SHE  
MEANS EITHER  
THAT'LL HAPPEN  
AS A RESULT OF  
STICKING MY  
NOSE WHERE  
IT DOESN'T  
BELONG...

IF YOU  
DO NOT TAKE  
THIS TO HEART,  
YOU MAY  
TRULY MEET A  
TERRIBLE FATE  
SOMEDAY.

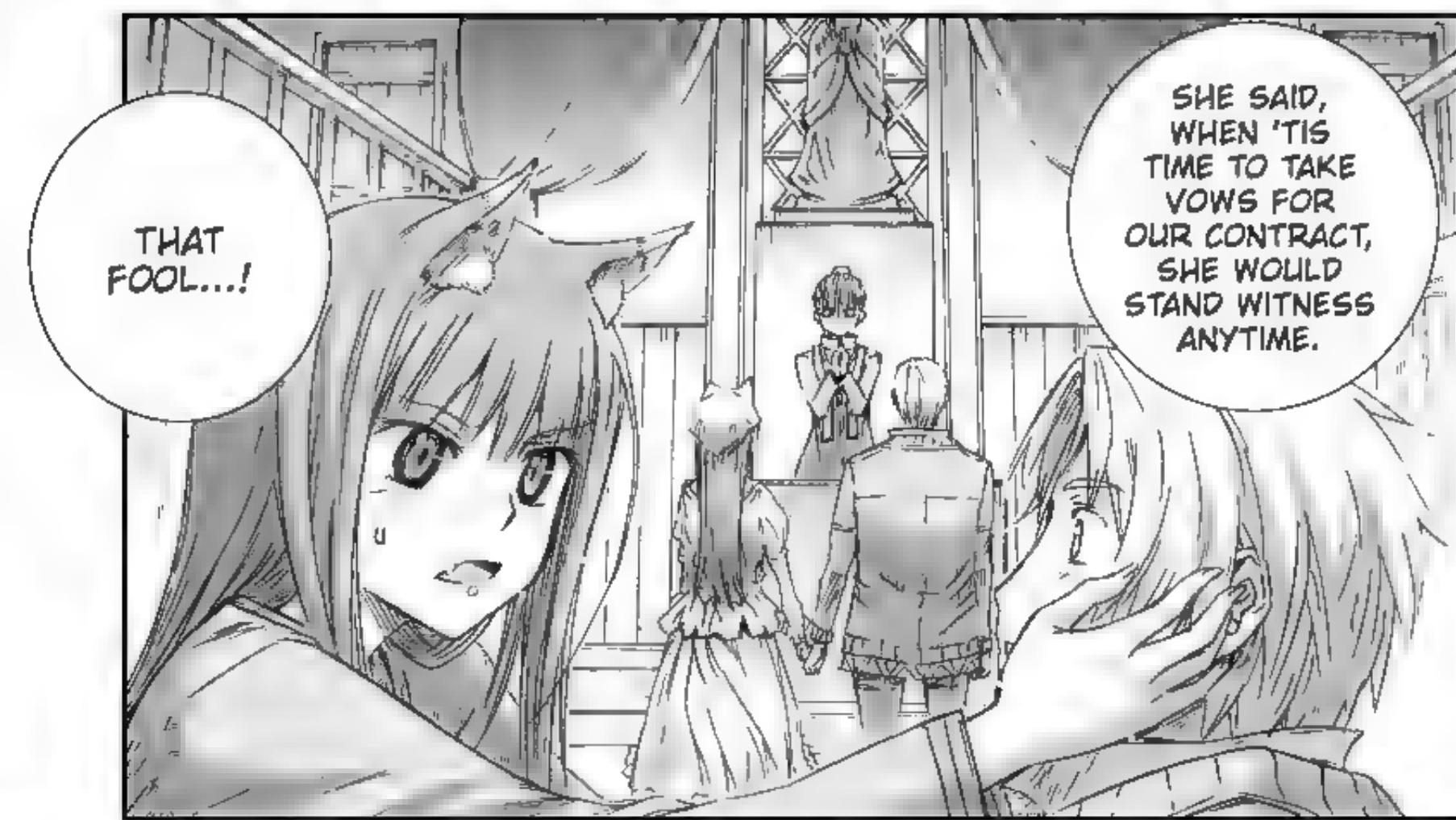
TON  
(CRAP)  
TON

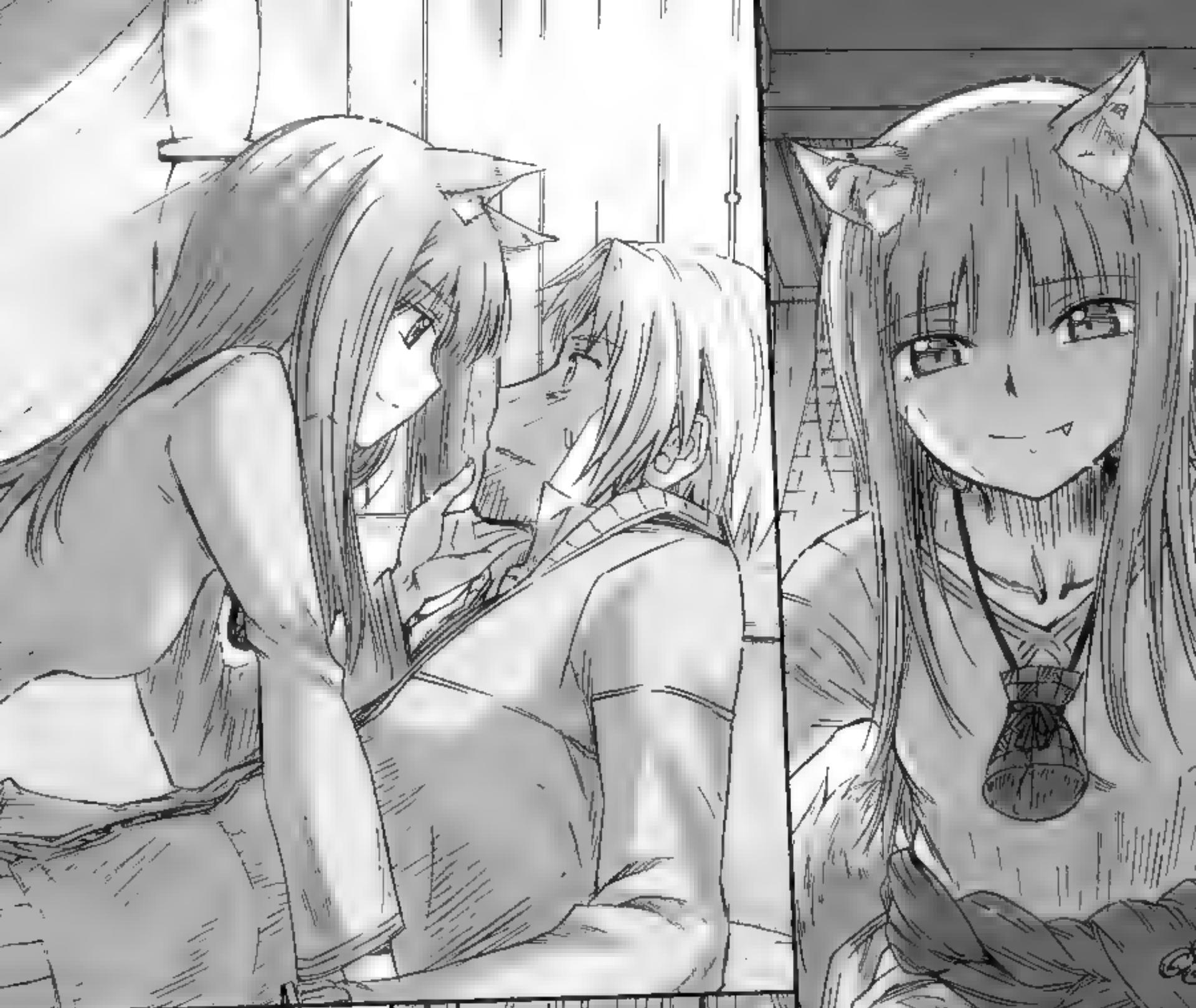
YOU MAY  
NOD NOW,  
BUT I DO NOT  
TRUST IT.

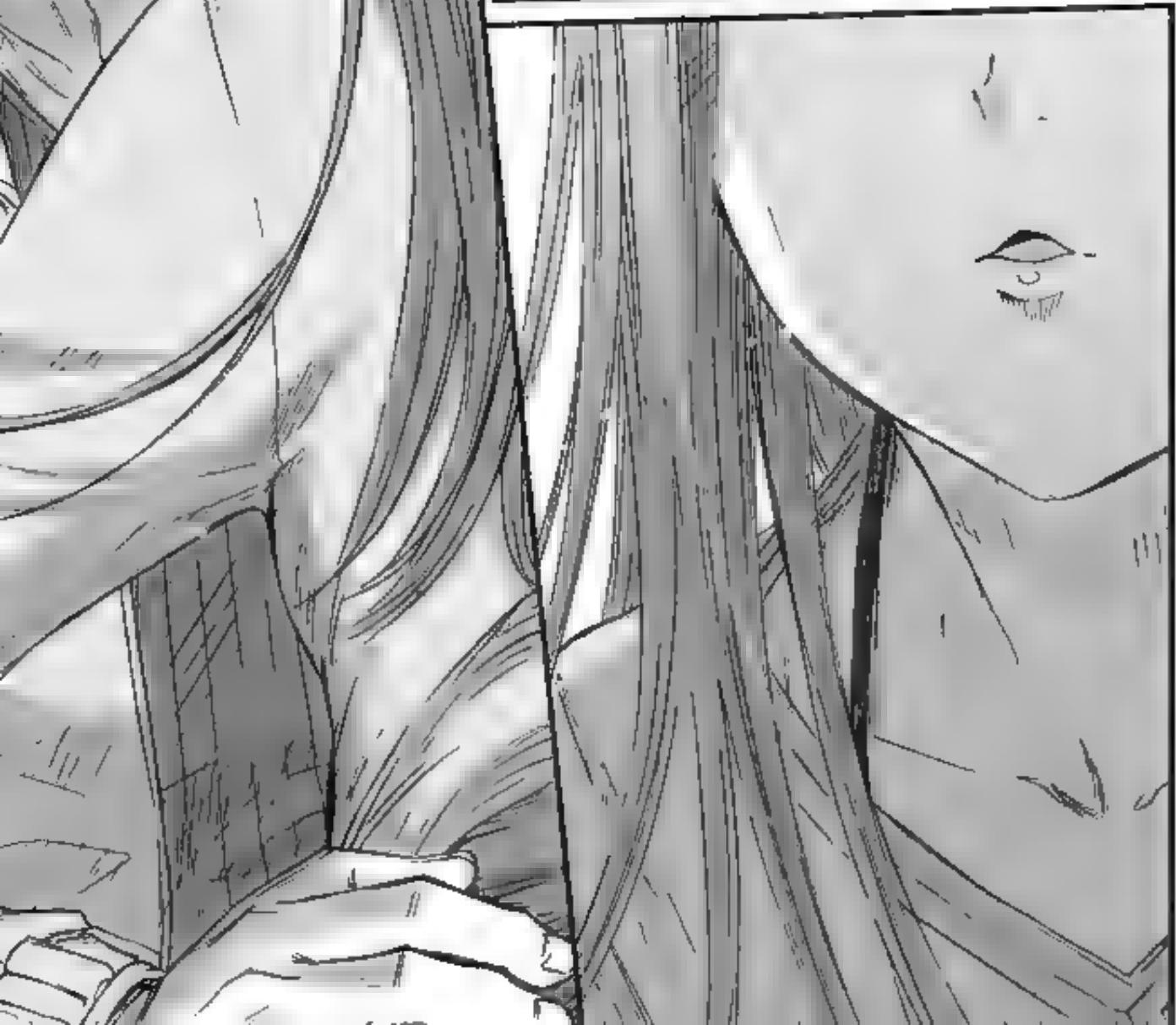
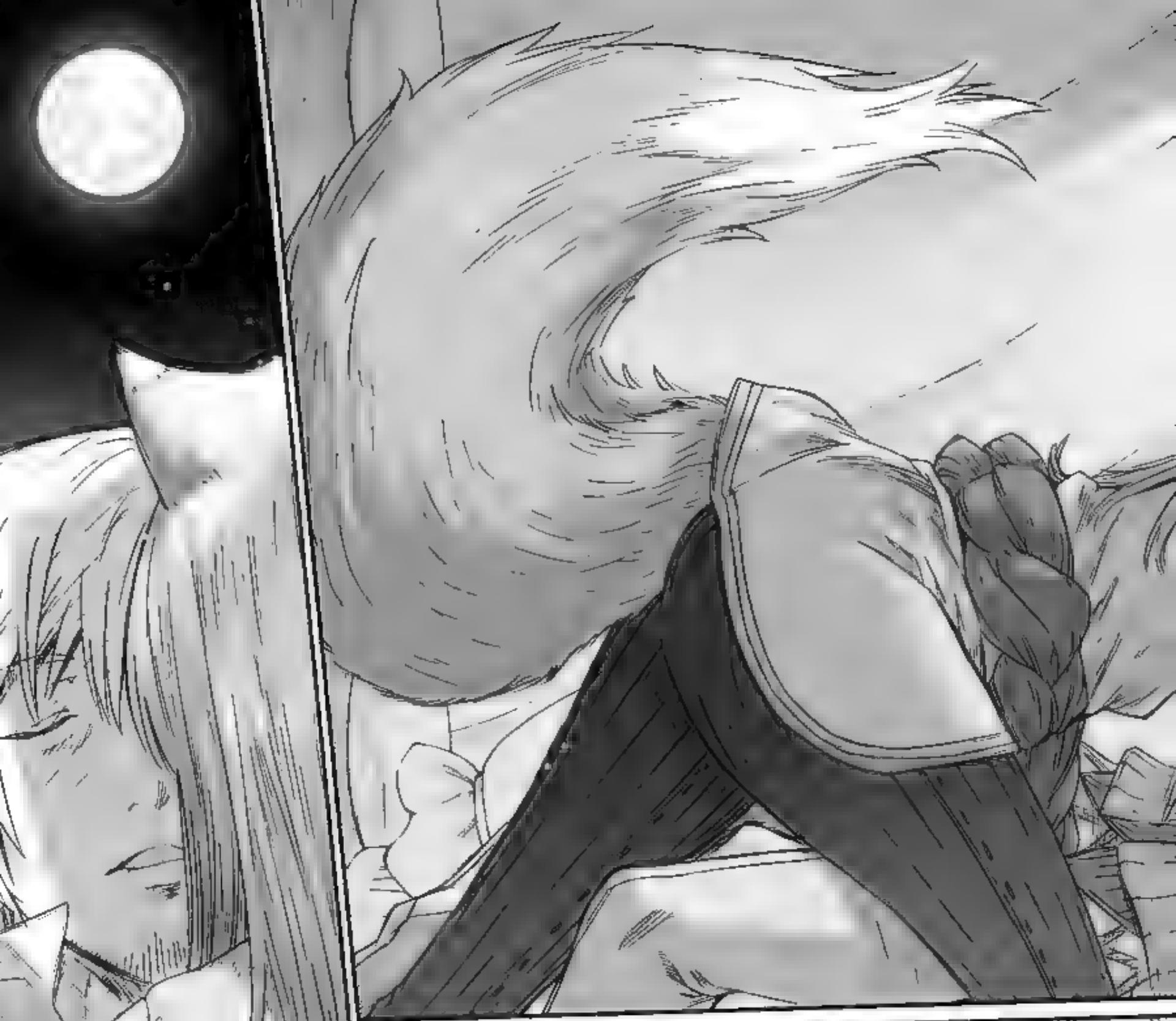
PITA  
(FREEZE)

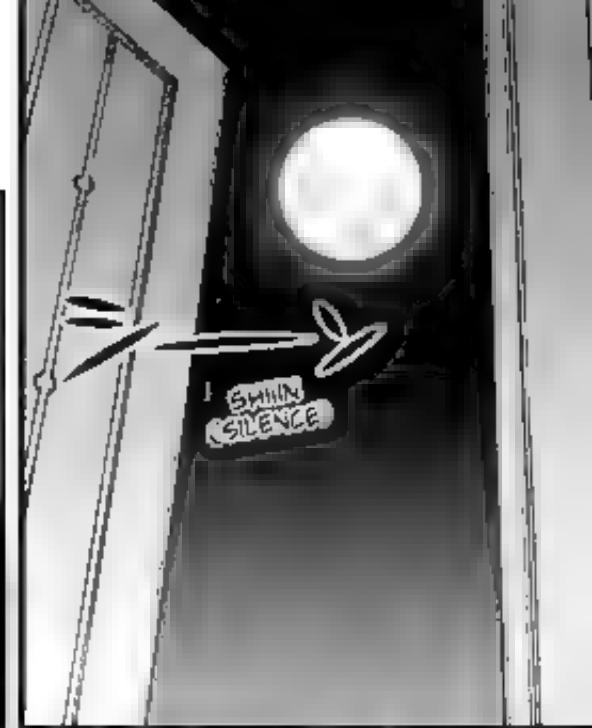
.....?  
I WONDER  
IF THERE MAY  
HAVE BEEN SOME  
FAULT IN MY  
METHODS.













MM-HMM.  
WE HAVE  
POSTPONED  
IT FOR TOO  
LONG.

I STILL  
THINK WE  
MAKE A  
PRETTY  
ODD PAIR.

HMM?

VERY  
WELL...  
BUT—

YOITSU...  
YOITSU,  
HUH?

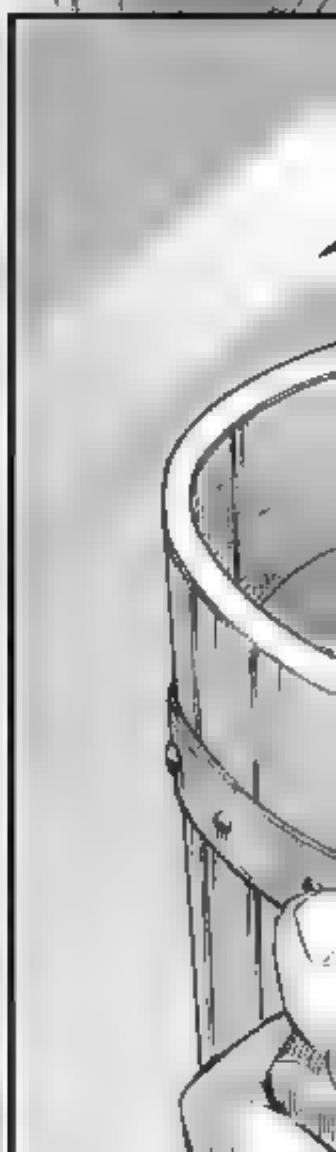
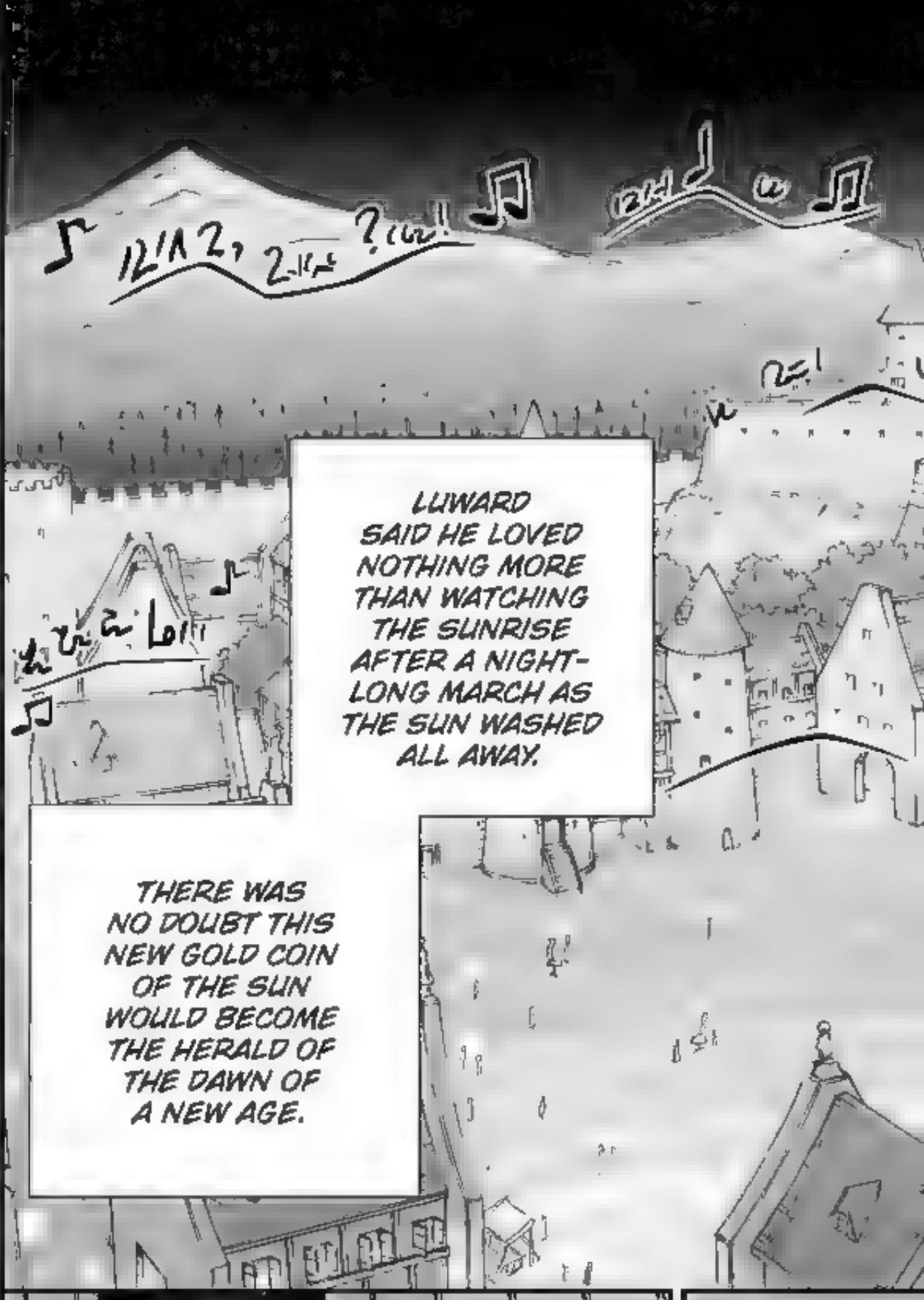
HMM...

WE CAN AT  
LEAST DRINK  
TOGETHER,  
CAN'T WE?



THEY WERE, AT THAT VERY MOMENT, HAMMERING OUT A COIN WITH THE FACE OF THE SUN. THE SUN THAT SHONE ON ALL WHO ENDURED THE LONG, HARSH WINTERS OF THE NORTHLANDS.



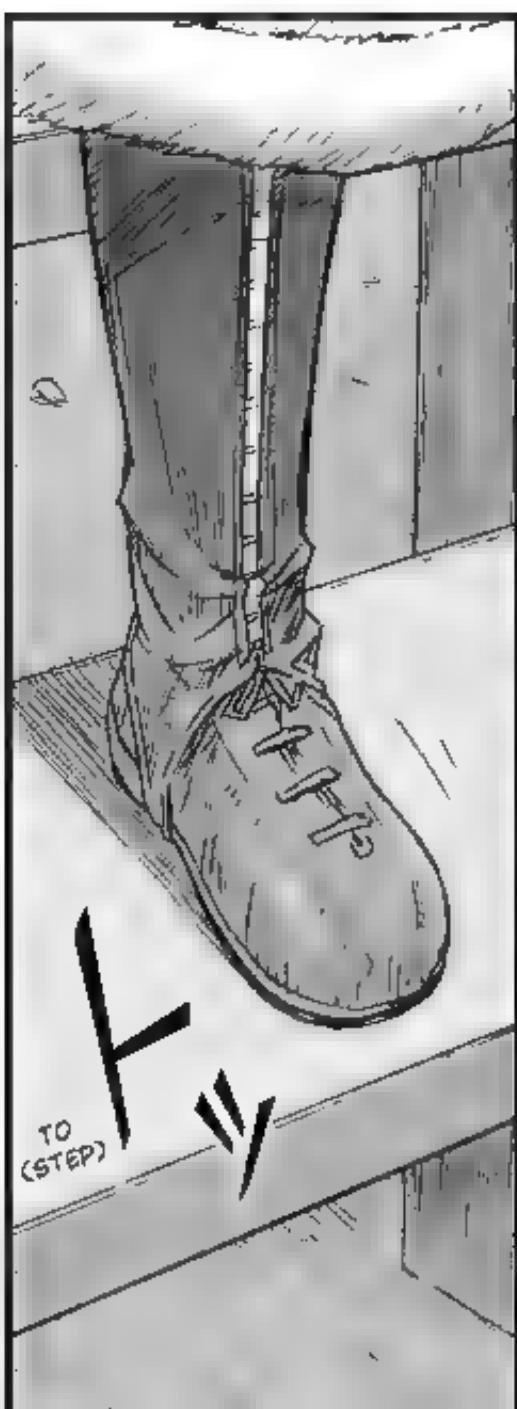








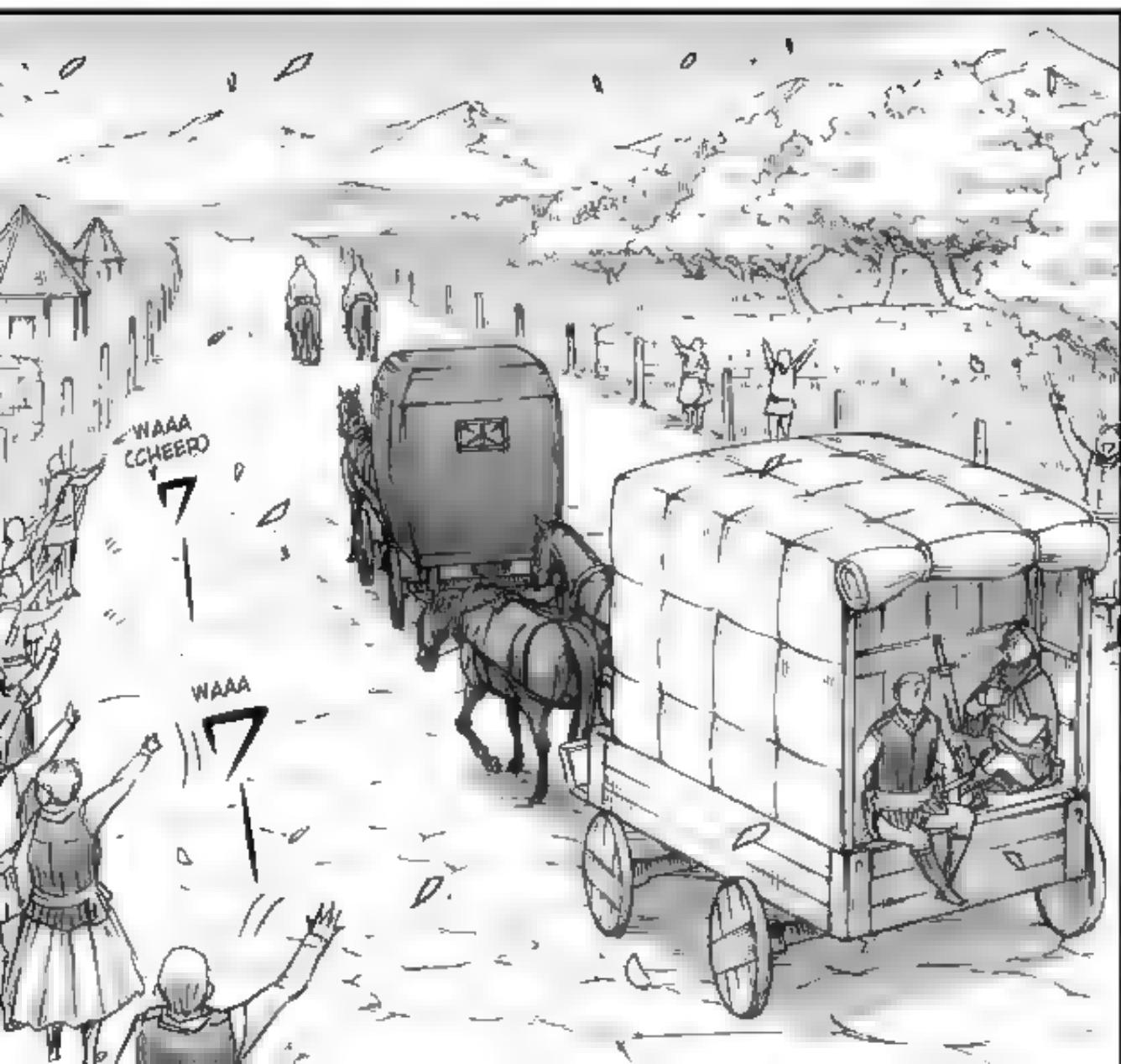
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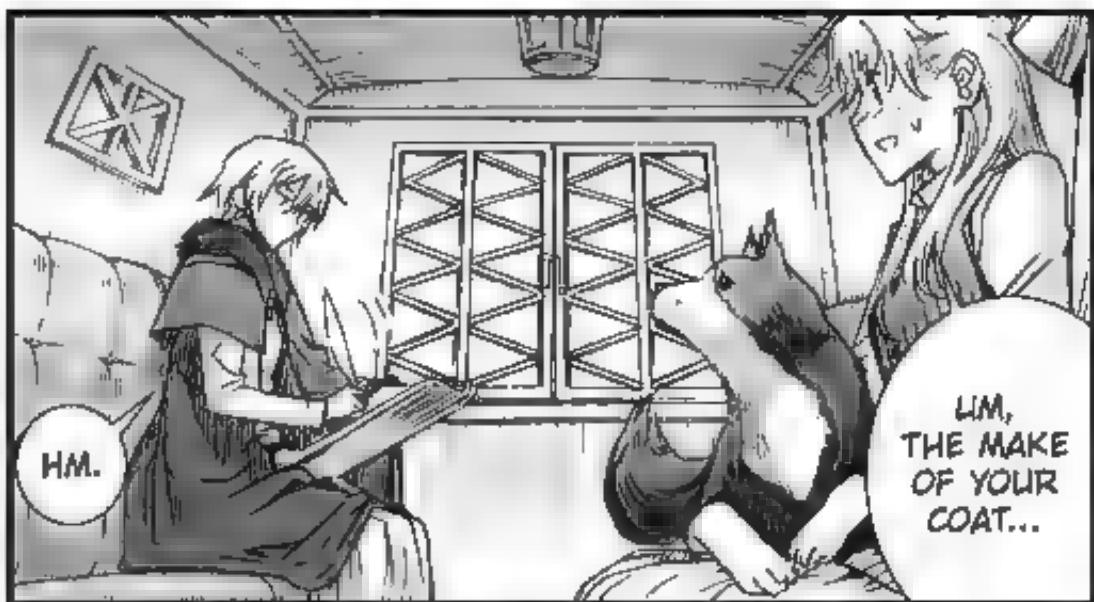
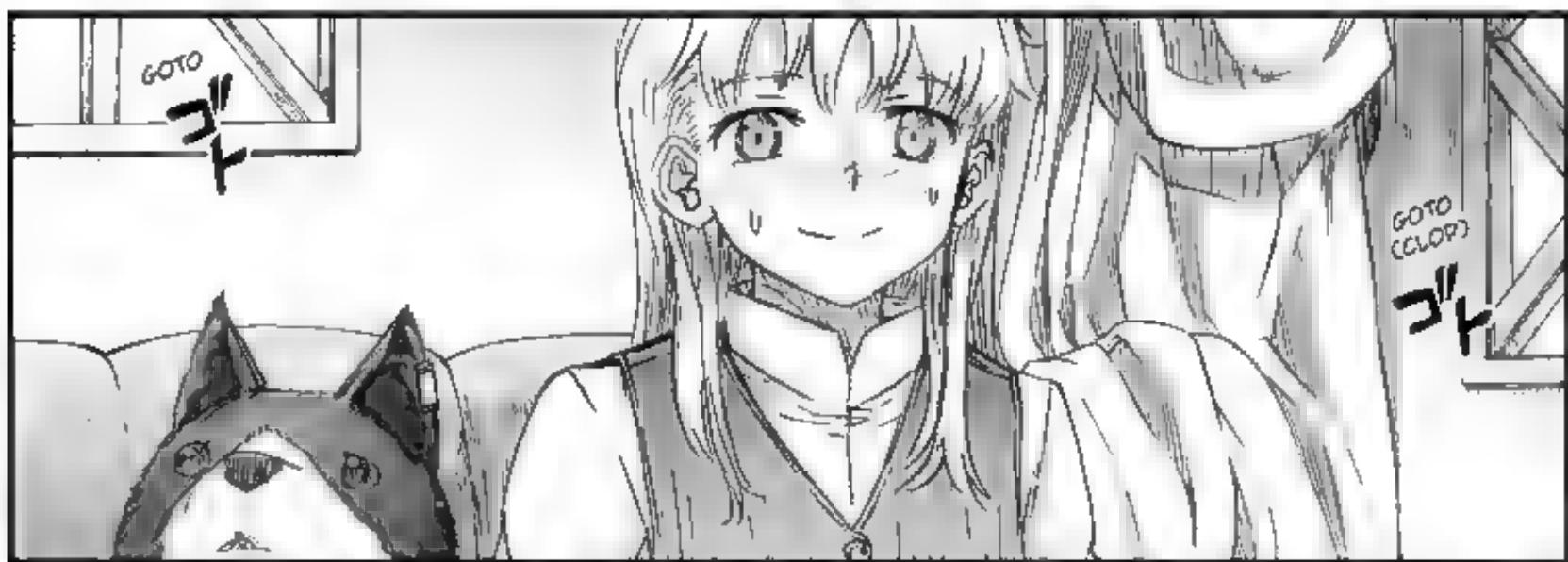




MY NAME  
IS NORAH  
ARENKT.















I WAS A  
WOUNDED  
WOLF.

SO I  
GUESS...





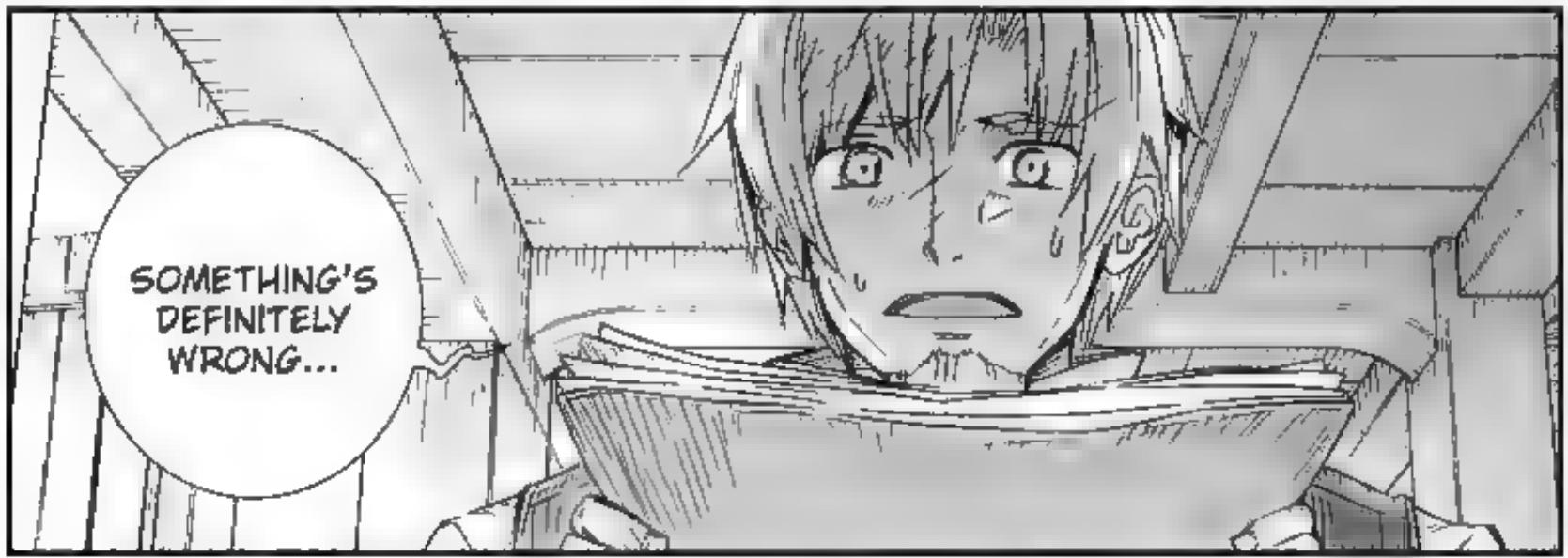
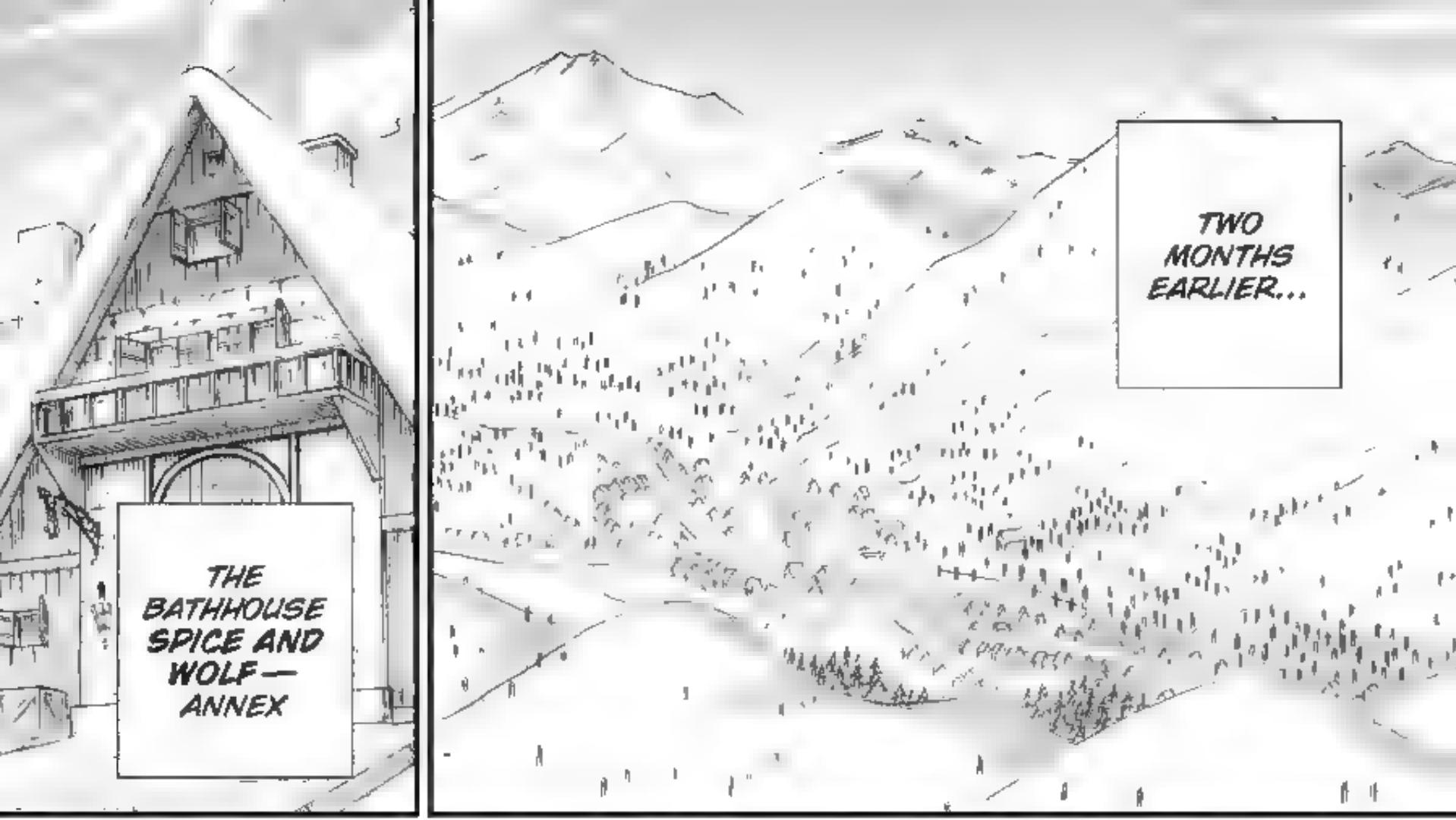


A SHEEP  
SHOULDN'T  
ALWAYS  
INDULGE  
HERSELF.

HA  
HA  
HA...

HEH  
HEH  
HEH...

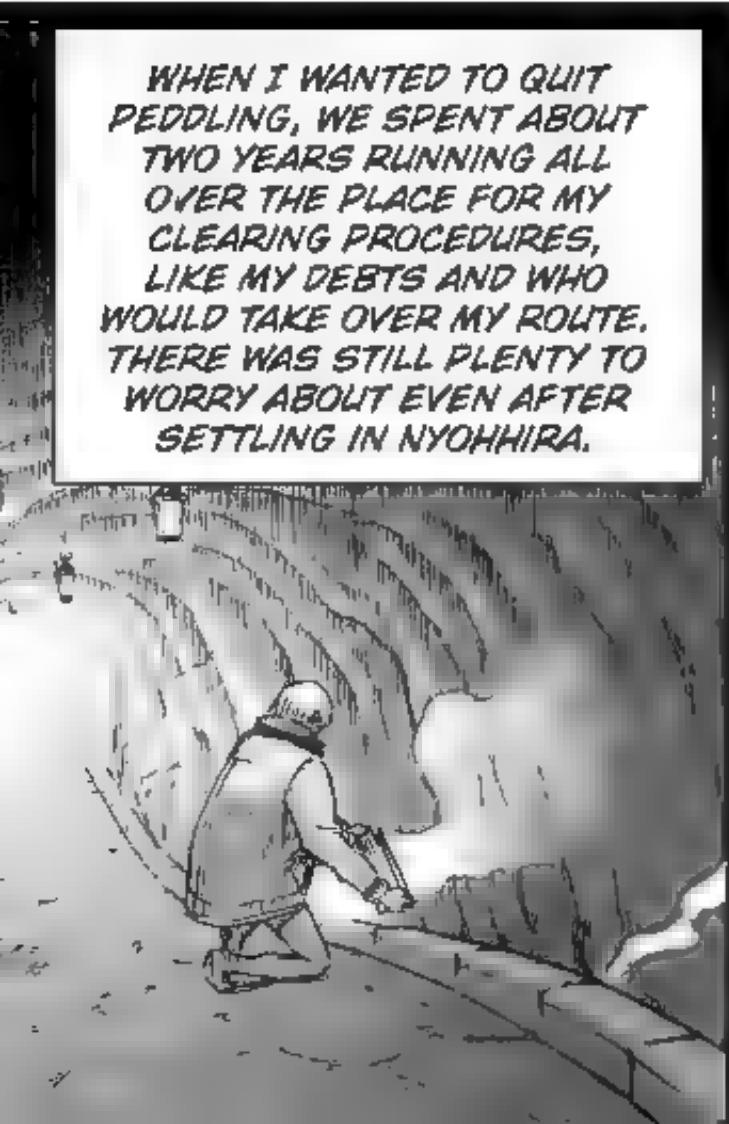
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GRIN













OH? BUT IF  
THEY WERE NOT,  
I WOULD NOT  
GIVE YOU THE  
TIME OF DAY.

THIS  
DRINK COULD  
PERHAPS  
STAND TO BE  
SWEETER.

YOUR  
TASTES  
ARE TOO  
EXTREME.

CHAPU  
(PLISH)

GOKU  
(GULP)

GOKU

I  
SWEAR...

WE  
SHOULD DO  
SOMETHING  
ABOUT THESE  
CUPS.

WOODEN  
CLIPS ARE  
CONVENIENT,  
BUT THEY  
LOOK CHEAP.

ARE  
THEY NO  
GOOD?

DO YOU  
SUPPOSE THE  
GUESTS YOU WISH  
TO ATTRACT WOULD  
BE THE CHEAP  
SORT, TO ONLY  
WORRY ABOUT  
SUPERFICIAL  
THINGS?

HEH.

THE BEST  
WOULD BE  
SILVERWARE...  
WELL, I  
GUESS BRASS  
IS FINE  
TOO...

BUTSU  
(CHATTER)

BUTSU





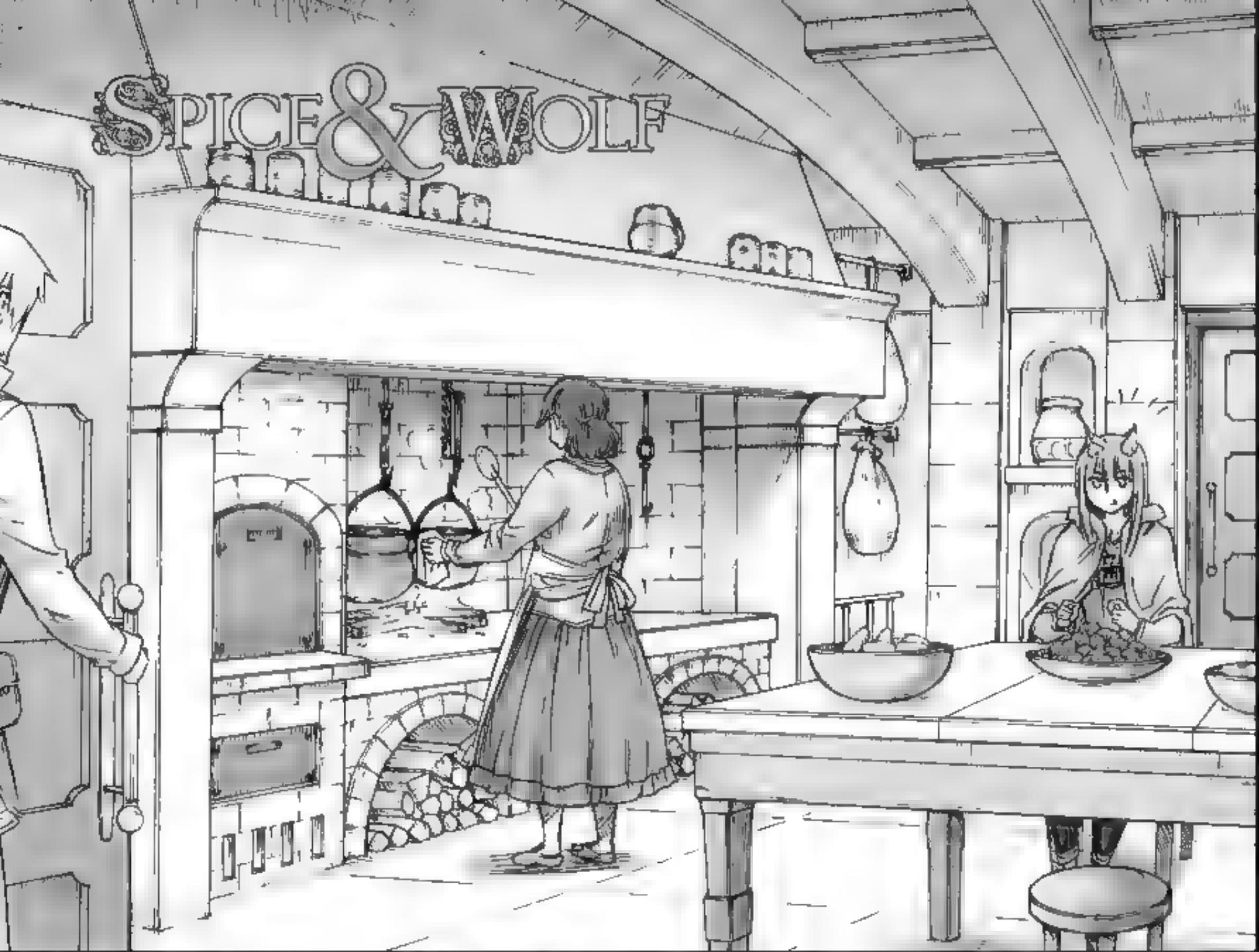
...FOR  
THAT SAINT-  
WHATSITS  
FESTIVAL  
BANQUET,  
SHALL WE  
NOT?

...WE SHOULD  
PREPARE A  
SPECTACULAR  
FEAST...





# SPICE & WOLF



'TIS NOT  
DONE YET.  
WAIT.

KLIN  
(SNIFF)

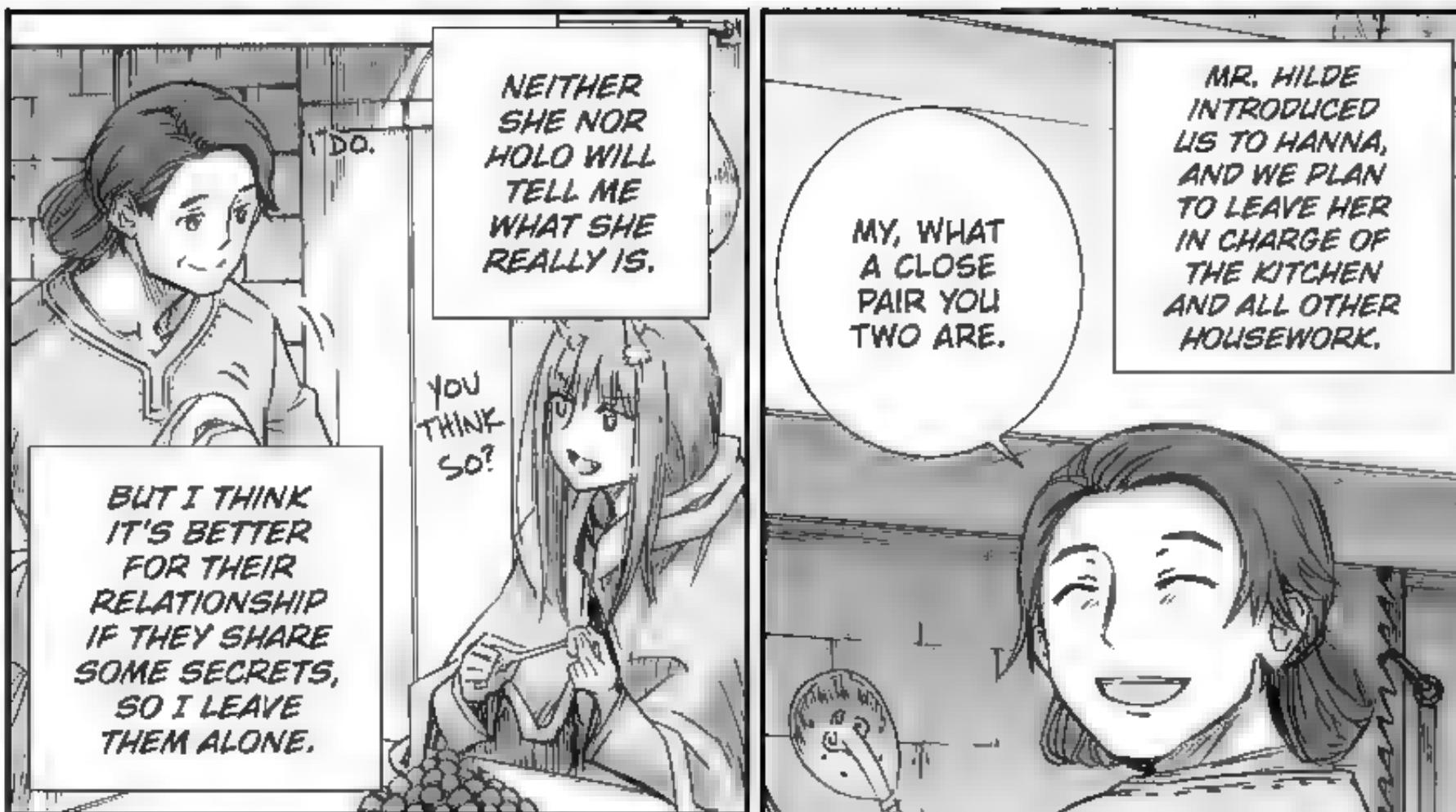
HELLO,  
MISS  
HANNA.

OH,  
HELLO,  
SIR.

MOGU  
CHUNUCH

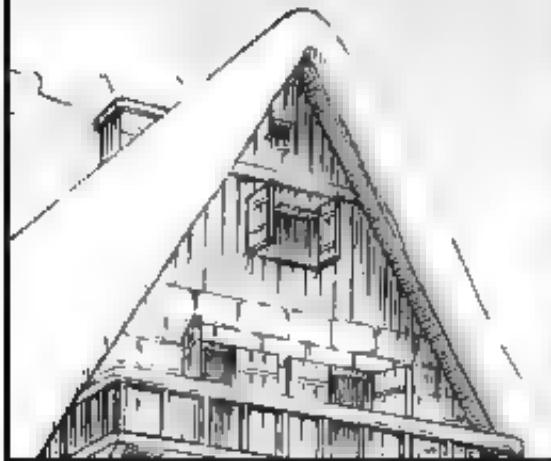
MOGU

GOAT  
MILK SOUP  
FOR LUNCH,  
IS IT?





IN THE END,  
THE DAYS  
PASSED,  
AND I NEVER  
LEARNED WHAT  
HOLO'S TRUE  
INTENTIONS  
WERE.



WE'RE IN  
A LOT OF DEBT  
RIGHT NOW, BUT  
ONCE WE MAKE  
SOME MONEY,  
I'LL BUY YOU AS  
MANY HONEYED  
CURRANTS AS  
YOU WANT.

SO  
ROASTED  
CHEST-  
NUTS,  
HUH?

"I SHALL LEAVE  
THE MALES TO YOU,"  
SHE SAID TO ME,  
SO I WROTE  
INVITES TO ALL OUR  
CLOSE FRIENDS,  
LEAVING OUT THOSE  
WE WOULD INVITE TO  
THE ACTUAL OPENING.



THINKING  
ABOUT OUR  
FUTURE  
BUSINESS,  
WE SHOULD  
GO AS  
EXTRAVAGANT  
AS POSSIBLE,  
LIKE HOLO  
SAID.

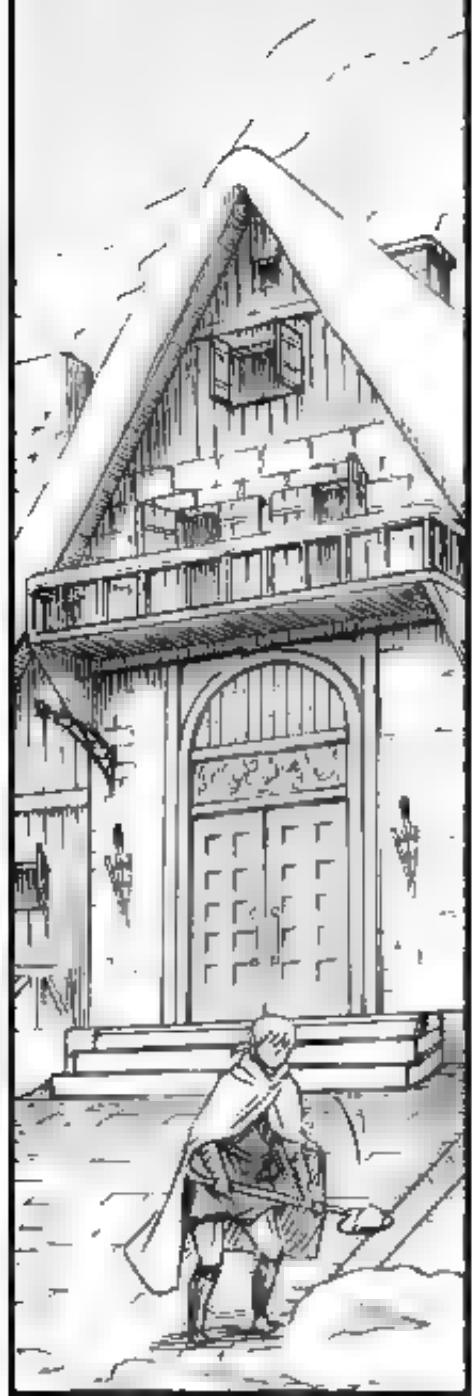
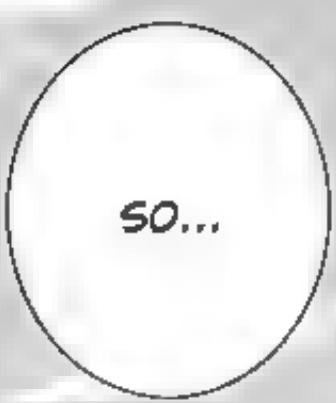
NEXT,  
PREPARING  
FOR THE  
FEAST...WE  
HAVE ENOUGH  
AVAILABLE  
FUNDS FOR  
THAT.



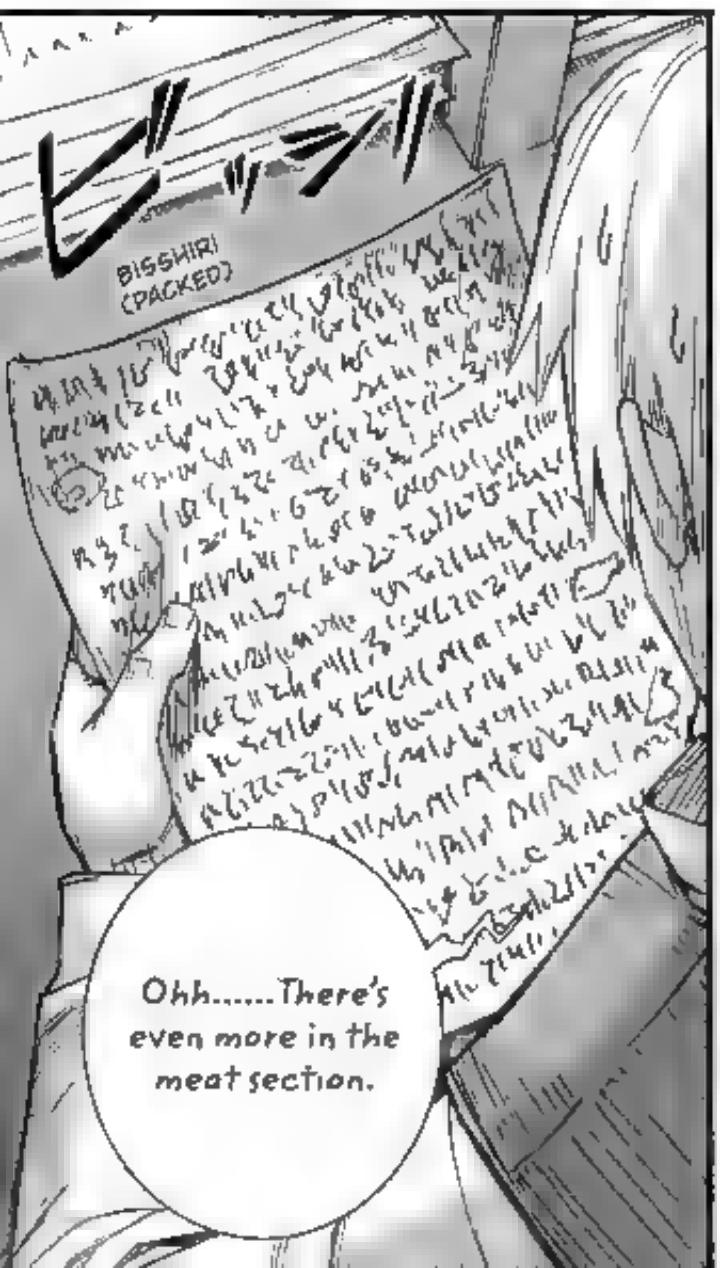
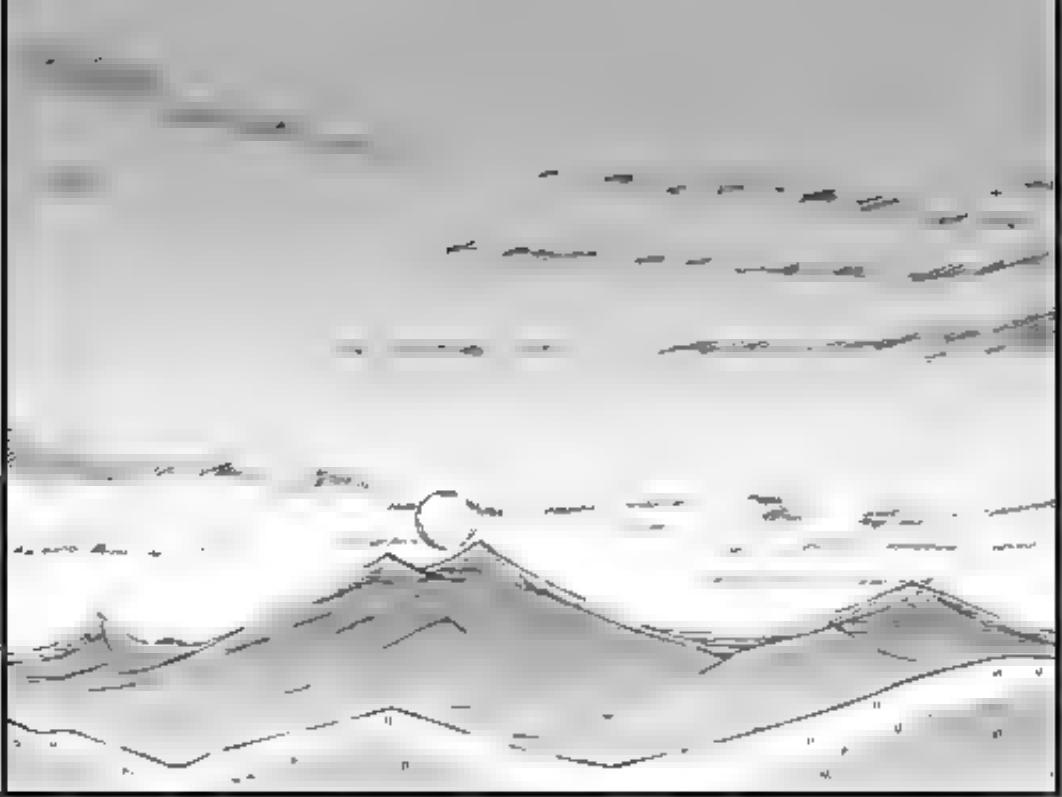
HMM.  
BUT IF ALL OF  
THEM WERE TO  
COME, THEN A  
GOOD NUMBER OF  
THE MEN WOULD  
ALSO HAVE TO  
COME. OTHERWISE,  
IT WOULDN'T LOOK  
VERY GOOD.

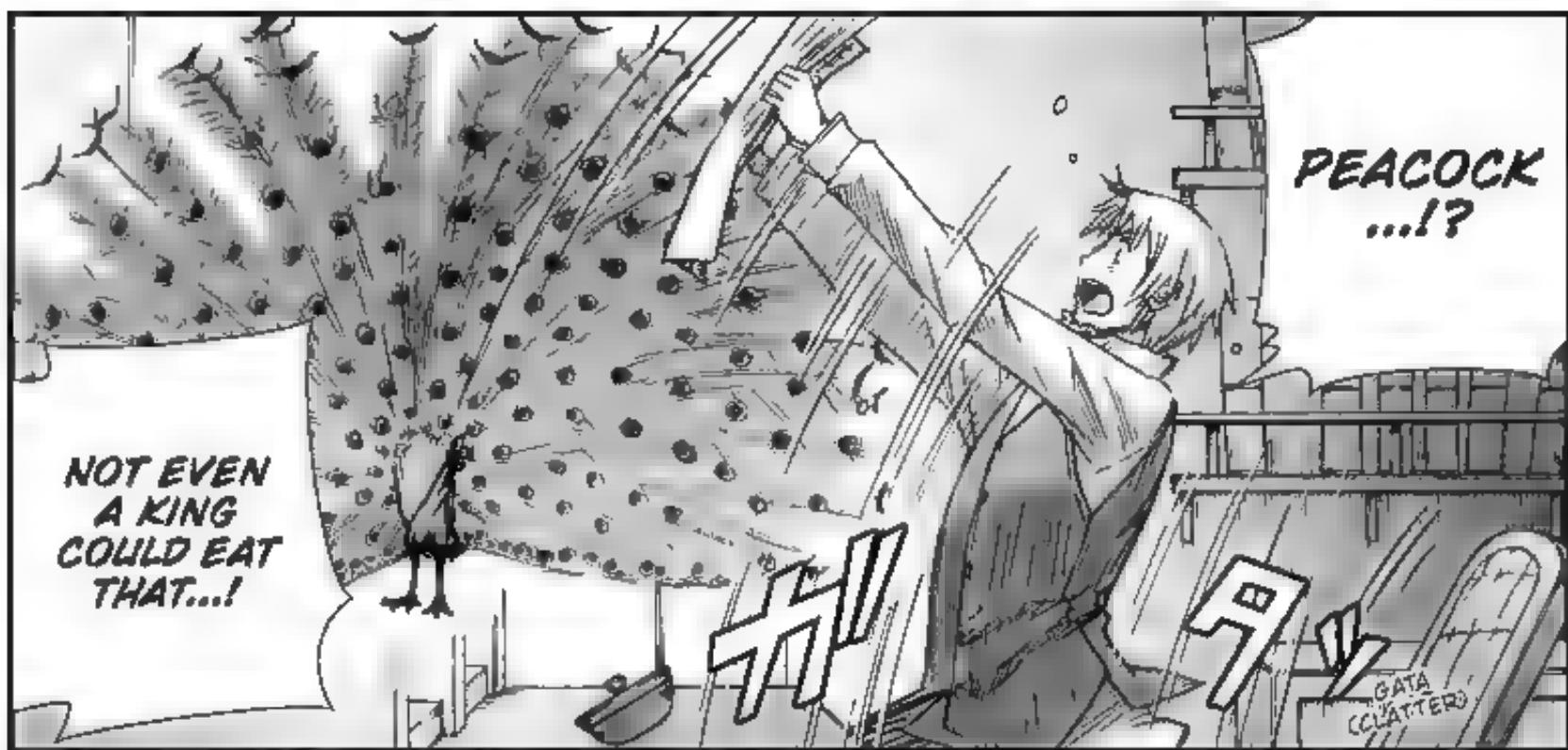
HOLO ALSO  
ENTHUSIASTI-  
CALLY  
SENT OUT  
A LETTER  
TO EVE.











ORANGES  
AND LEMONS...  
I HEARD YOU  
FIND THOSE IN  
AREAS NEAR  
THE DESERT.

MMM...

EVEN  
I'VE NEVER  
SEEN ONE

THIS IS  
MUCH EASIER,  
SINCE WE CAN  
BLAME THE  
SEASONS IF  
WE CAN'T GET  
OUR HANDS  
ON THEM.

NEXT,  
FRUIT.

THEN...  
WELL, IT JUST  
LOOKS LIKE SHE  
WROTE DOWN  
SOME THINGS  
JUST IN CASE.

I'LL GO  
SEE WHAT  
MISS HANNA  
THINKS.

GACHA  
CLACK

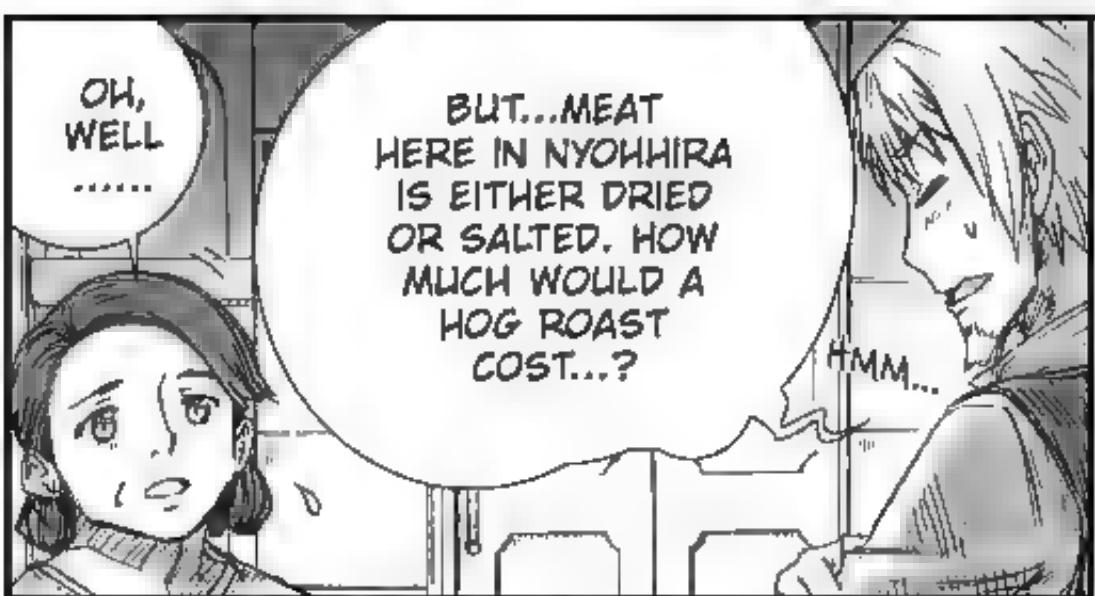
FIGS,  
RASPBERRIES,  
LINGONBERRIES,  
CURRANTS,  
PEACHES, PEARS,  
APPLES...

...WE  
HAVE SOME  
OF THOSE  
DRIED  
ALREADY.

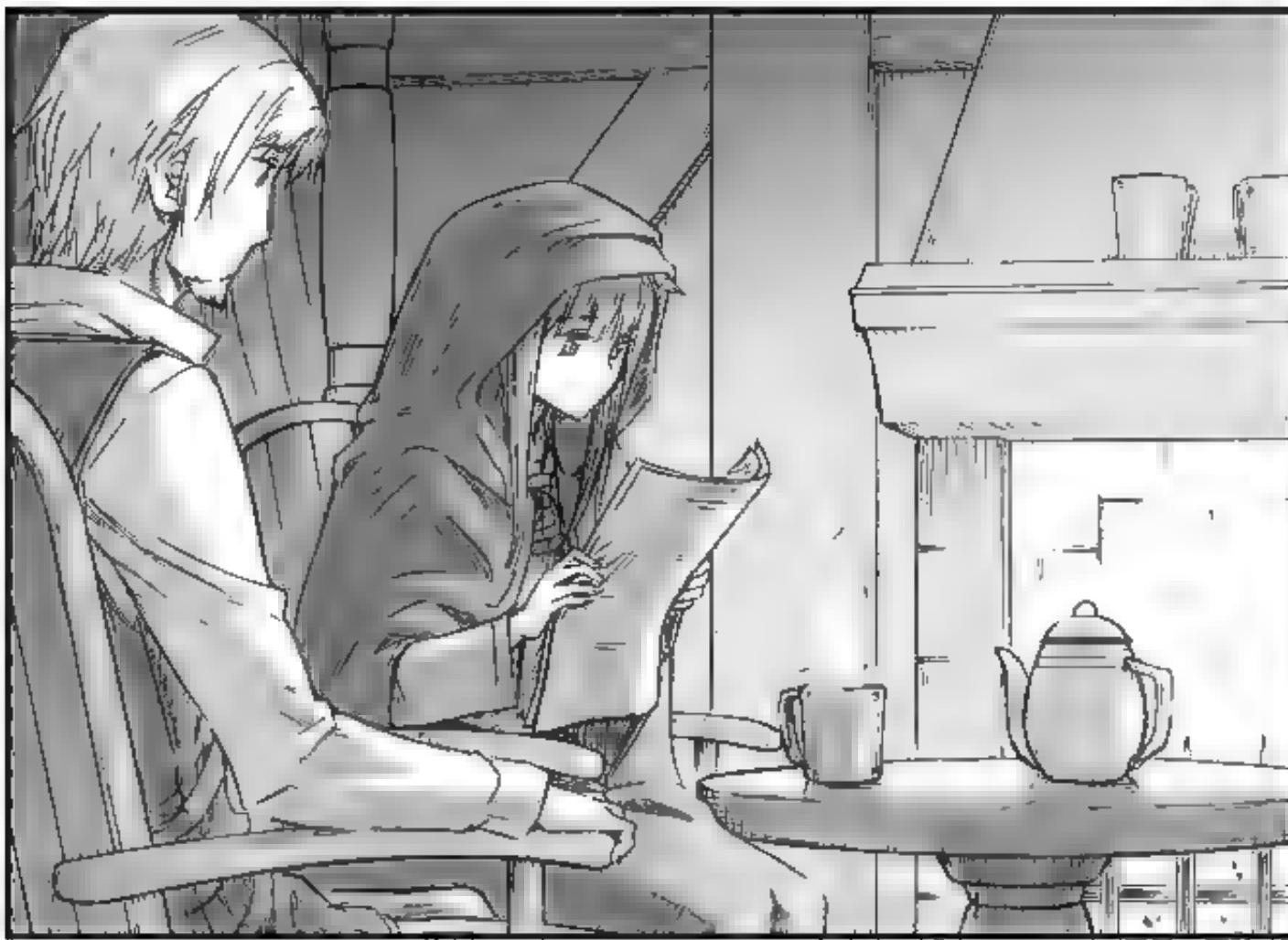
THIS AND  
THIS GO WELL  
TOGETHER,  
AND I CAN ADD  
DRIED FRUIT  
AS A HIDDEN  
INGREDIENT  
IF I MAKE IT  
INTO A PIE.

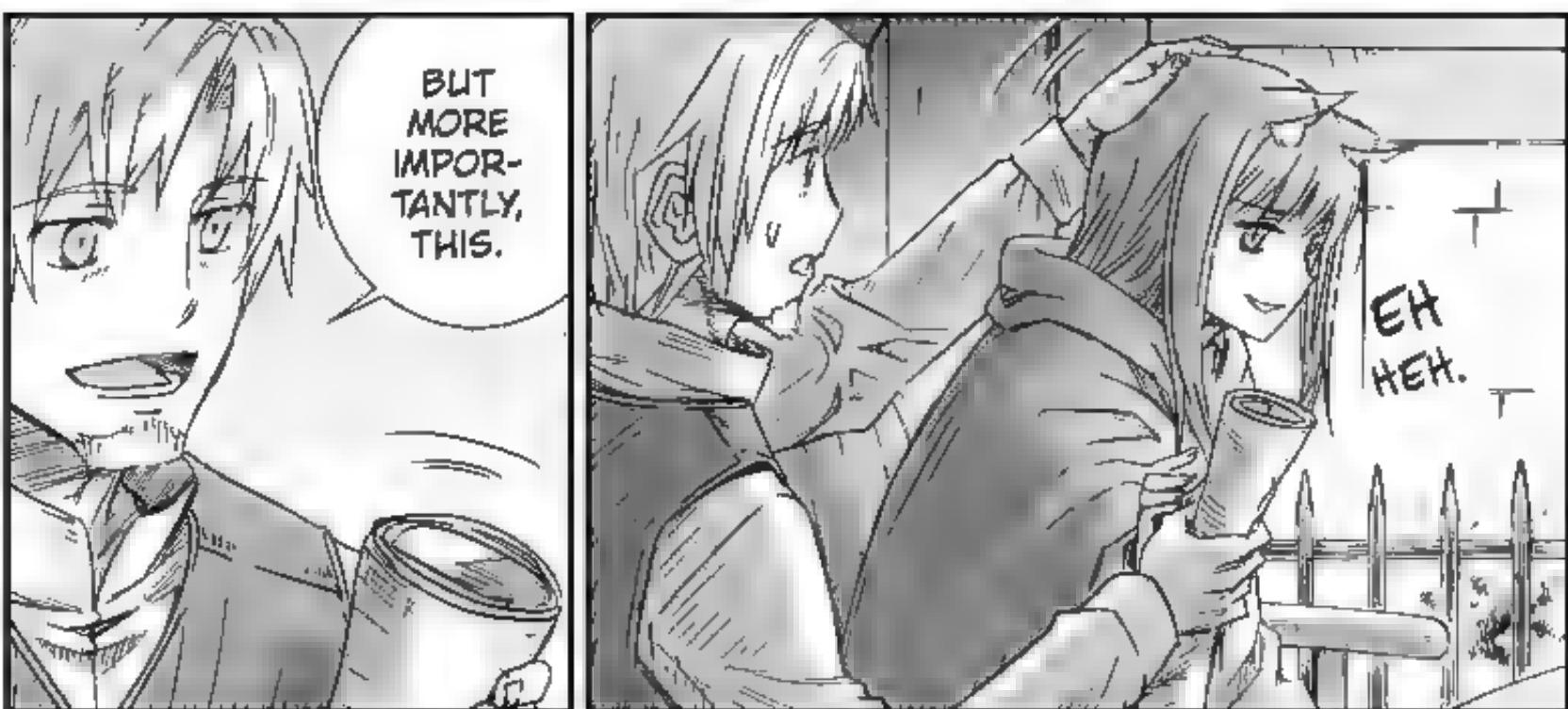
THE MEAT  
ALL SEEMS  
FINE.









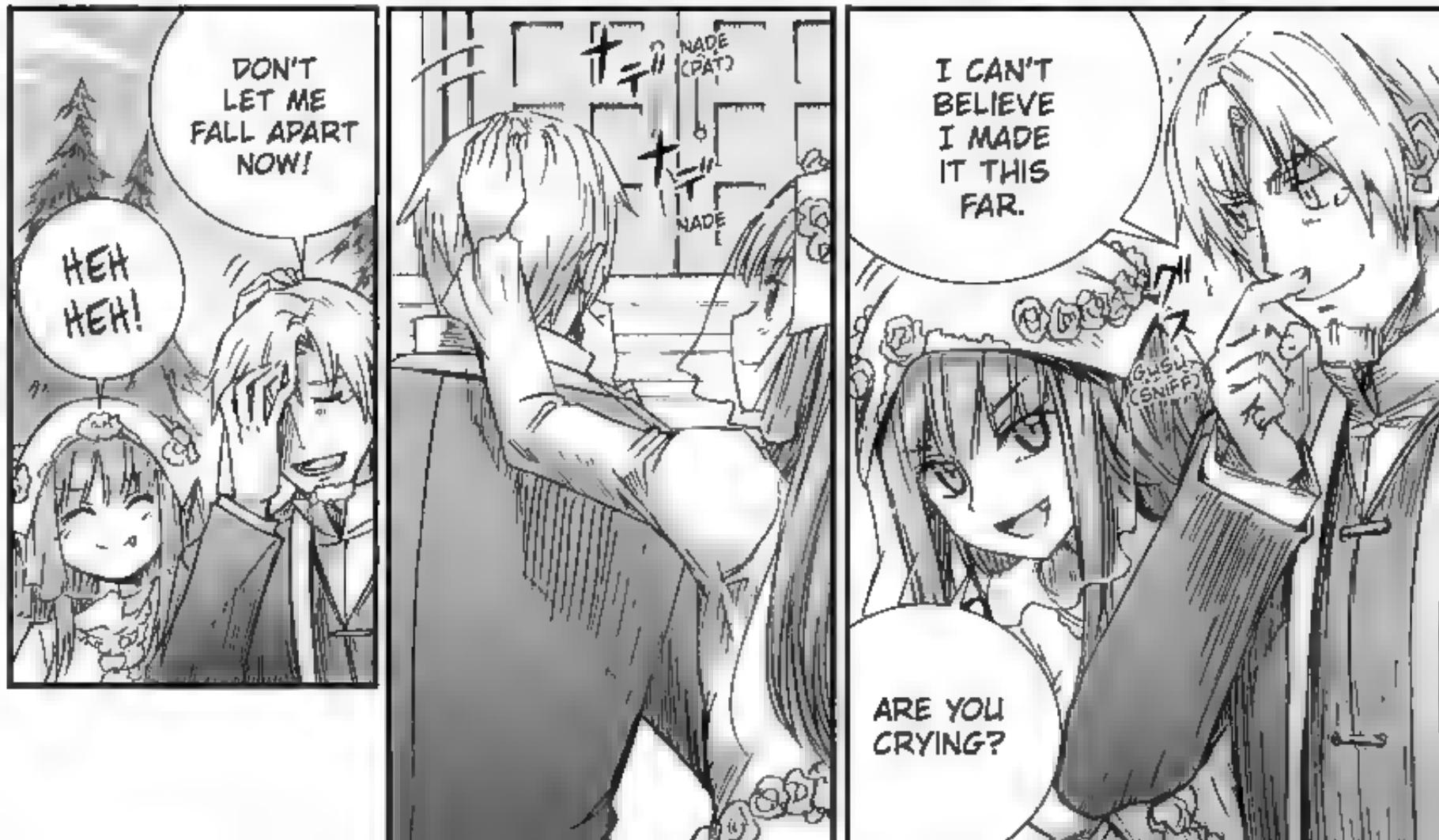




YOUR  
WOLF NAME  
WILL CRY,  
YOU KNOW.

IF IT DOES,  
YOU SHALL  
SOOTHE  
IT, YES?





THIS IS  
YOUR SHOP.  
THE ONE YOU  
TRIED AND FAILED  
TO OBTAIN SO  
MANY TIMES.



BUT FIRST,  
WE NEED TO  
MAKE IT A  
SHOP YOU  
WOULDN'T  
LAUGH AT.





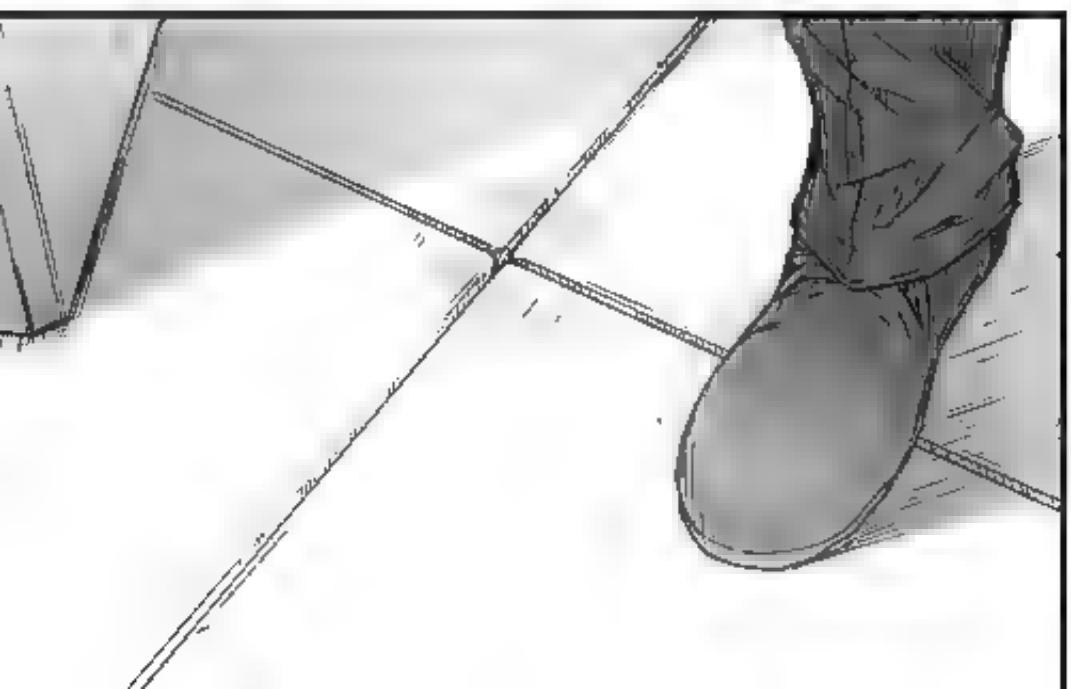






It's...it's  
nothing...







OH  
YES.





YOU  
NEVER  
ASKED THE  
REASON I  
INVITED  
THEM.

OH...YEAH,  
I REALLY  
RACKED  
MY BRAIN  
OVER IT.

NOW I?  
EH-HEH.  
OF COURSE  
YOU DID.

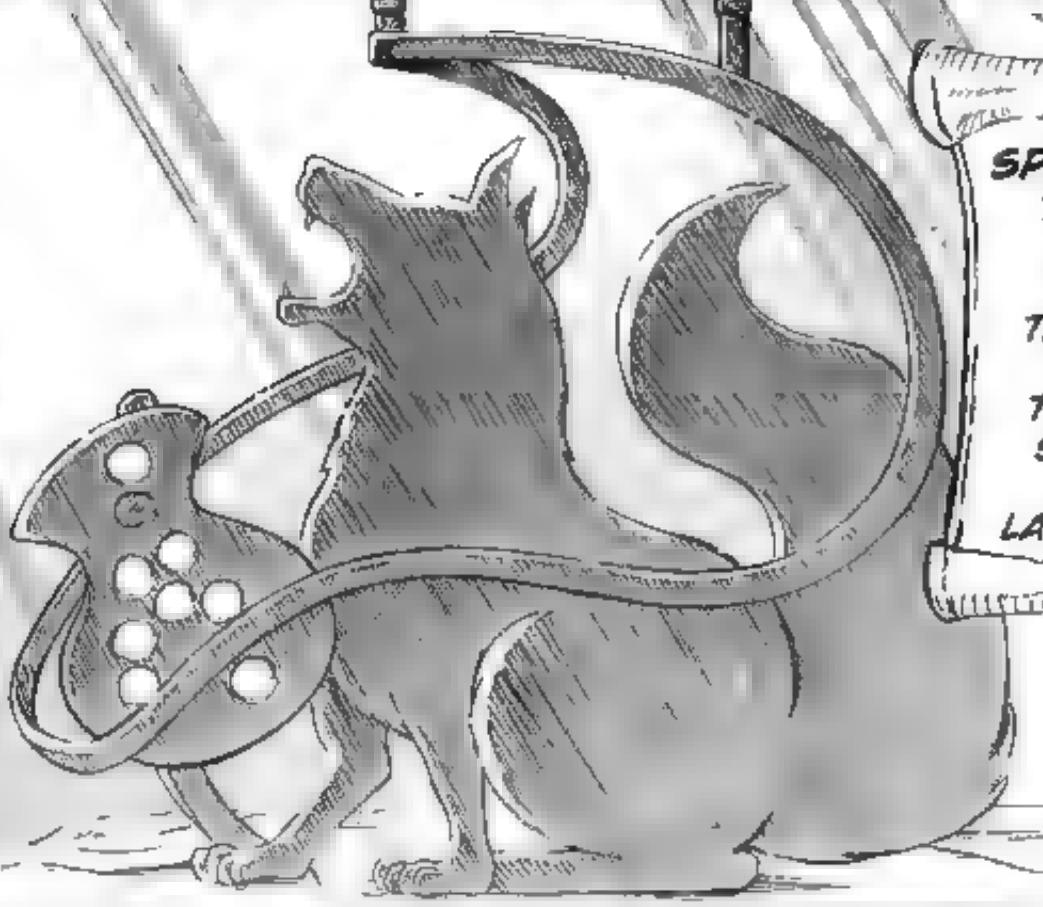
IT'S  
BECAUSE  
SHE  
WANTED  
TO  
BRAG.





BUT I COULD  
DECLARE THAT  
WE WERE THE  
HAPPIEST  
COUPLE IN  
THE WORLD.

AT THAT  
MOMENT,  
I WASN'T SURE  
IF WHAT I  
WAS HEARING  
WERE CHEERS  
OF DELIGHT  
OR SIGHS OF  
EXASPERATION.



SPICE AND WOLF  
THAT WAS THE  
MEMORABLE  
OPENING OF  
THE LEGENDARY  
BATHHOUSE  
THAT WOULD BE  
SAID TO BRING  
SMILES AND  
LAUGHTER TO ALL.



# AFTERWORD

THANK YOU  
FOR YOUR  
READERSHIP  
FOR  
TEN LONG  
YEARS!

KOUME  
KEITO

HELLO, THIS IS  
KOUME KEITO.  
I'VE FINALLY FINISHED  
DRAWING ALL ONE  
HUNDRED CHAPTERS OF  
THE MANGA VERSION  
OF SPICE AND WOLF  
OVER TEN LONG YEARS.  
I GIVE MY THANKS TO  
THE ORIGINAL AUTHOR,  
HASEKURA-SENSEI,  
AND EVERYONE WHO  
SUPPORTED HIM.

THE STORY IS STILL  
ONGOING, ACTUALLY, SO  
PLEASE TAKE A LOOK  
AT HASEKURA-SENSEI'S  
WOLF AND PARCHMENT.  
FINALLY, I DECIDED TO  
MAKE ONE OF HASEKURA-  
SENSEI'S ORIGINAL  
SHORT STORIES FROM  
HIS ILLUSTRATION  
COLLECTION INTO  
A COMIC.

I HAVE DECIDED  
THAT THIS IS  
AS FAR AS MY  
GOALS GO.  
I WOULD BE  
DELIGHTED IF  
YOU READ IT.

Special Thanks!!

PRIVATE MR. OKAMOTO  
MR. TENTSU TOI  
MR. YAKKUN  
MR. N-TA  
MR. HIRATA ORIGUCHI  
MR. A  
MR. YUU

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# SPICE & WOLF

RAINBOW MUSIC AND WOLF









KEITO KOUME-SENSEI,  
CONGRATULATIONS!  
PARTWAY THROUGH YOUR WORK,  
I STARTED ENJOYING IT NOT  
AS THE ORIGINAL AUTHOR  
BUT AS A READER. AND SO  
AS THIS JOURNEY COMES TO  
AN END, I FEEL EVEN MORE  
DEEPLY MOVED THAN I DID  
WHEN I FINISHED WRITING  
IT ON MY OWN. YOUR UNIQUE  
TOUCH AND PORTRAYAL OF  
EVEN THE SMALLEST OBJECTS  
GAVE DEFINITE DEPTH AND  
WIDTH TO THE WOLF  
WORLD. THERE IS NO  
GREATER HAPPINESS  
I CAN ASK FOR AS THE  
ORIGINAL AUTHOR THAN HAVING  
SUCH A LONG SERIES  
BE DRAWN WITH  
SUCH GREAT  
PASSION  
UNTIL THE  
VERY END.  
THANK YOU  
SO MUCH!

KEITO KOUME-SENSEI,  
CONGRATULATIONS ON FINISHING  
THE SPICE AND WOLF COMIC! AS ONE OF  
YOUR READERS, I WAS TRULY HAPPY TO  
WATCH YOU BREATHE LIFE INTO THE WORLD  
AND STORY OF SPICE AND WOLF FOR OVER  
TEN YEARS. I BELIEVE THAT I FELT LIKE HOLO  
AND LAWRENCE'S JOURNEY WAS STILL  
CONTINUING DESPITE HOW THE ORIGINAL  
NOVELS WERE ALREADY COMPLETED WAS,  
WITHOUT A DOUBT, BECAUSE OF KOUME-  
SENSEI'S COMICS. I FINALLY FELT LIKE  
THEIR JOURNEY HAD REACHED AN END WHEN  
I SAW THE WEDDING SCENE IN THE LAST  
CHAPTER, AND I COULD SQUARE THOSE  
FEELINGS AWAY (EVEN THOUGH THERE WILL  
BE A START TO A NEW TALE...). I FEEL SO  
TOUCHED RIGHT NOW THAT MY WORDS AREN'T  
REALLY COMING TOGETHER—I'M SORRY.

I PRAY THAT WE CAN SEE YOUR HAPPY  
HOLY AND LAWRENCE AS  
THEY SPEAK FONDLY  
OF EACH OTHER AGAIN  
ONE DAY. YOU HAVE TRULY  
CREATED SOMETHING  
WONDERFUL. THANK  
YOU SO MUCH!!



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